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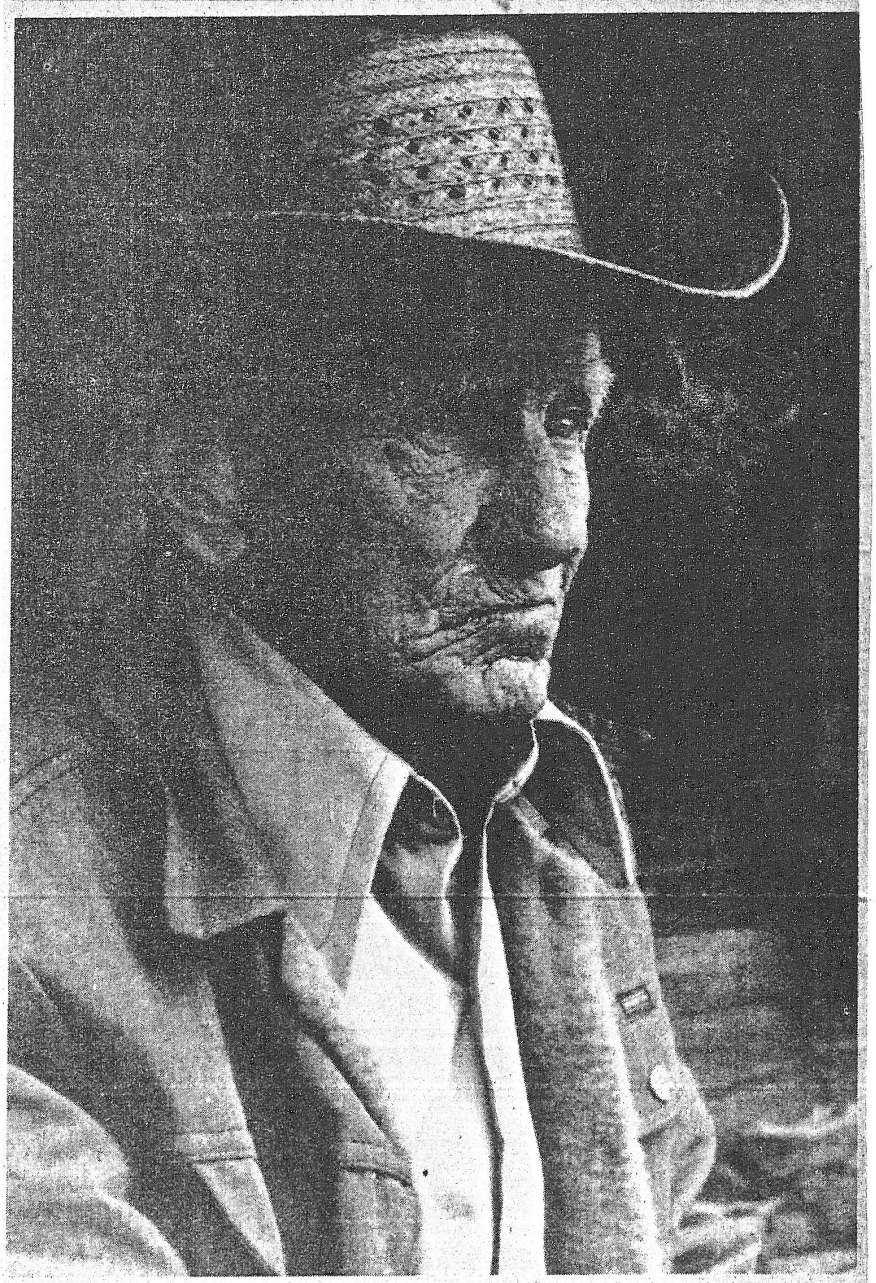

Face of many experiences

B. G. "Burlin" Tanner sits on his front porch, thinking perhaps of joys and troubles past. But solemnity is a rare expression—at least when "company" is around. For Tanner talks of hard times with a humor that made survival a little easier.

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Gardening— a hobby

Even in the winter months, B. G. Tanner has a crop going. He picks a "mess" of turnips and green onions from rows he and Charlie plowed. Charlie, Tanner's partner in the garden, is a young quarter horse.

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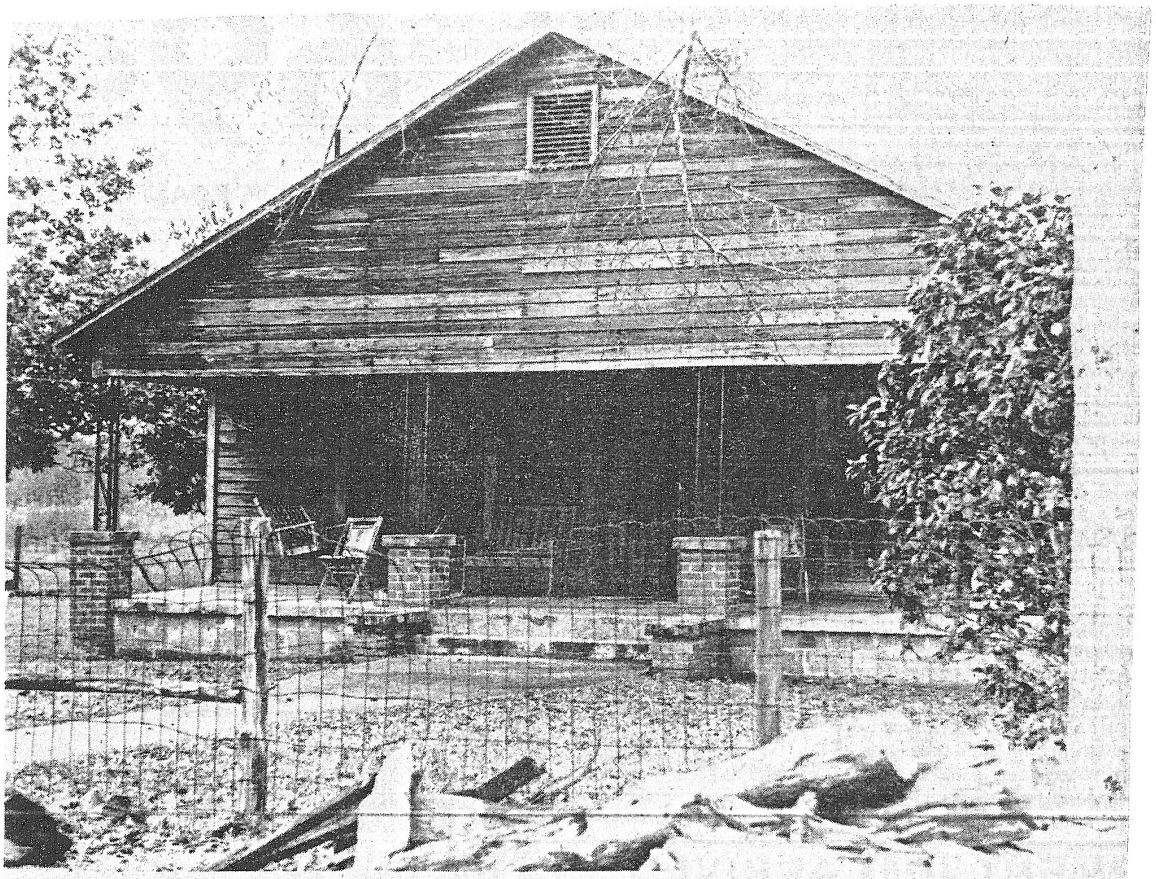

The old homesite

Weathered and scarred by the years, B. G. Tanner's home is made of durable lumber—that taken from "sinkers" in the river. "Sinkers" are logs, once headed for market, that for one reason or another sank to the bottom of the waterway. Using a barge to hoist the tough logs, Tanner recovered enough sinkers to build his home in the Movella community.

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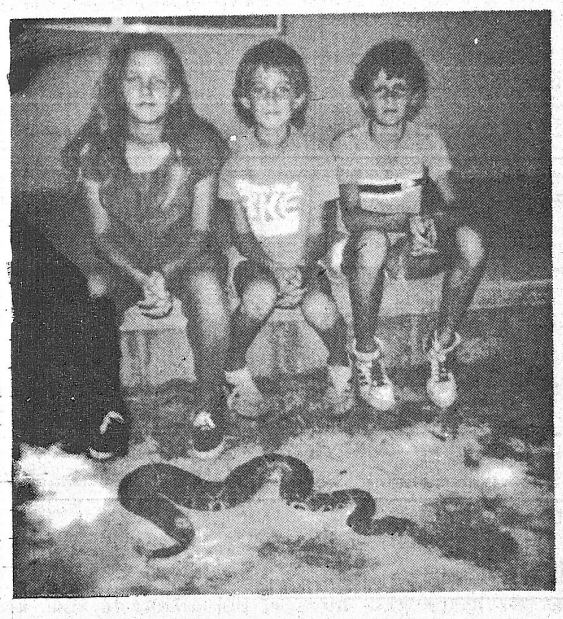

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1983 GEORGE COUNTY TIMES, LUCEDALE, MS. 39452

Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Celebrates 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge W. (Coot) Tanner were joined by numerous friends and relatives, Oct. 16, as they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at their home in Movella. The children of the couple, Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Tanner, Betty McVay, Margaret Botter, and Ricky Tanner, hosted the open house celebration.

The three tiered cake, trimmed in gold and white, was served from the family's 84 year old lazy susan dining table. The table was arrayed with yellow silk flowers.

Serving for the reception were Ida Eyrle Tanner, Betty McVay, Margaret Botter, Maye Jean Henderson, Reby Tanner, Melonie Tanner, Gabi Tanner, Kay Shepherd, and Naomi McVay.

Among the guests attending the celebration were Myrlie Webb and Mish Richards of Pascagoula, Cora George of Moss Point, (sisters of Mr. Tanner), Hurley Tanner of Movella, (brother of Mr. Tanner), Linwood Scarbrough, (brother of Mrs. Tanner), Lillian Waltman of Wade and Mae Nelson of Mobile, (aunts of Mrs. Tanner). Mrs. Tanner was formerly Elizabeth Lucille Parker of Wade.

Mr. and Mrs. Tanner, with their family, wish to convey their deep appreciation to the friends and relatives who shared their special day.

Tanners to be feted

Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge (Coot) Tanner will be honored on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary with a party in their home.

The fete will be hosted by the Tanners' children, and will be held the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 16. Friends and relatives are expected to call between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m.

. . . Mr. and Mrs. Tanner

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Tanners are feted

MOVELLA — Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Warren (Coot) Tanner of the Movella community were honored Oct. 16 by their children on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, with an open house at their home near Lucedale.

Hosting the gala affair were Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Tanner, Margaret Bolter, Ricky Tanner and Betty McVay. Massed arrangements of yellow silk flowers were placed at vantage points throughout the reception area.

The couple were married on Oct. 14, 1933, when Mr. Tanner took as his bride the former Elizabeth Lucille Parker.

Assisting with the reception were Kay Shepherd, Ida Eyrle Tanner, Ruby Tanner, Galie Tanner, Maji Jean Henderson, Naomi McVay, Margaret Bolter and Betty McVay.

Punch, coffee, mints and nuts were served from tables laid with white lace and golden cloths. Centering the main table was a three tiered cake, adorned with white roses and gold foil leaves and topped with a gilded 50th anniversary emblem. The cake was served from an heirloom lazy susan that has been in the family for 84 years.

Out of town guests included Kay Shepherd of Columbus, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Tracy McVay and Steven, Chris McVay of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; Betty and Naomi MVay of Mary Ester, Fla.; and a number of friends and relatives from Mobile, Ala., and Pascagoula.

Special guests of the couple were Mr. Tanner's sisters and brother, Myrlie Webb and Mish Richards of Pascagoula, Cora George of Moss Point and Hurley Tanner of Movella; Mrs. Tanner's aunts, Lillian Waltman of Wade and Mae Nelson of Mobile, and Mrs. Tanner's brother, Linwood Scarbrough of Wade.

More than 150 friends and relatives signed the guest book and joined in helping the honored couple celebrate the joyous occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Warren Tanner

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Staff photo/Bill Starling

ANNUAL HONORS — Award recipents from the Moss Point Woman's Club are (left to right) Byrun and Gail Smith, owners of City Cleaners, Outstanding Business; Vonceil Lety, MPWC Outstanding member; and Elaine Westfaul, awards committee chairman. The two awards were presented May 19. Established in the 1940s, the Smiths have owned City Cleaners since 1971. Mrs. Lety was just re-elected president of the club which she has been a member for 16 years. She increased membership by 33 percent this year. She is the food services director for Moss Point School District. 92

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Dawn Tanner On Gulf Coast Homecoming Court

Dawn Tanner of George County is among maids from Gulf Coast Junior College's Jackson County, Jefferson Davis and Perkinston campuses who have been selected to the college's homecoming courts during campus-wide balloting.

The students will represent their respective campuses when GCJC observes its 52nd homecoming on Saturday, Oct. 31, at Perkinston. Festivities begin with registration at 11:30 a.m.

The courts will be presented at a special program in Malone Hall at 2:30 p.m. During pregame ceremonies at 7:30 p.m. in A. L. May Memorial Stadium, queens from the three campuses will be announced.

Jackson County Campus--Sophomores Lynn Bass, Gautier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bass; Kelly Sanders, Pascagoula, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Sanders; and Ardeth Saunders, Gautier, daughter of Don L. Saunders and Jane C. Saunders; freshmen Julie Miller, Ocean Springs, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Gerald S. Miller; and Joy Wolverton, Pascagoula, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Legendre.

Jefferson Davis Campus--Sophomores Jeannie Buckley, Biloxi, daughter of Joe Buckley and Betty Buckley; Karla Carron, Biloxi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Carron; and Lana Sandidge, Pass Christian, daughter of Mrs. Everita Sandidge; freshmen Jennifer Robb, Gulfport, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Robb; and Arlene Scarbrough, Gulfport, daughter of Arlan Scarbrough and Carol Scarbrough.

Perkinston Campus--Sophomores Lisa Formigoni, Gulfport, daughter of Johnny Formigoni and Jimmie Lou Formigoni; Whitney Johnston, Bay St. Louis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Huey Johnston; Kelly Lemon, Ocean Springs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Lemon; freshmen Delana Cuevas, Moss Point, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cuevas; and Dawn Tanner, Lucedale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Tanner.

Selected by the college football team as maids of honor are Perkinston Campus sophomores Jenny Beaugez, Ocean Springs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Beaugez, Jr.; and Monica Thames, Biloxi, daughter of Mittie Johnson.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1985

Harrell Tanner Named Outstanding Cattleman

by George McNeill

Any successful business has to be efficient to survive today. The same is true with the beef cattle industry. Producing top calves is the goal fo Harell Tanner, beef cattle producer near Lucedale. Tanner has been named the Outstanding Cattleman in George County by the George and Jackson County Cattleman's Association.

He was also nominated by the Association for the Master Cattleman Award given by the Mississippi Cattleman's Association at their annual convention each year.

Tanner has 150 acres in his beef cattle farm. He and his son, Marty, who is a junior in the School of Veterinary Medicine at Mississipi State University, have developed an outstanding herd of Beefmaster cattle.

Tanner said to have good cattle, you have to constantly cull. To do this, he weighs the calves at weaning weights and uses this as a tool to select the top cows in the herd. The herd bull is half the herd, and he selects his bulls from performance-tested herds. He is presently using a Beefmaster bull on his certified Beefmaster herd and a Brangus bull on his grade cows.

Soil test recommendations made by the Extension Service are followed by Tanner. His bahia pastures are fenced so he can use a rotation system in grazing for better utilization. He overseeds with ryegrass for winter grazing.

For weed control, he uses a combination of clipping and chemicals.

Tanner is a very detailed cattle producer. You will notice his place as you drive by because of its neatness. His fence rows are clean and his pastures are stocked for even grazing, and fencing is in top order. No unbred brood cows are carried through the winter.

For several years. Tanner was associated with the George County Stockyards, and still works the sale each Thursday. People who winter graze cattle are constantly competing for Tanner's calf crop because they have been properly vaccinated and have a good background for winter grazing.

Producing top quality calves is a goal of Tanner. He works to upgrade his cow herd to accomplish this goal.

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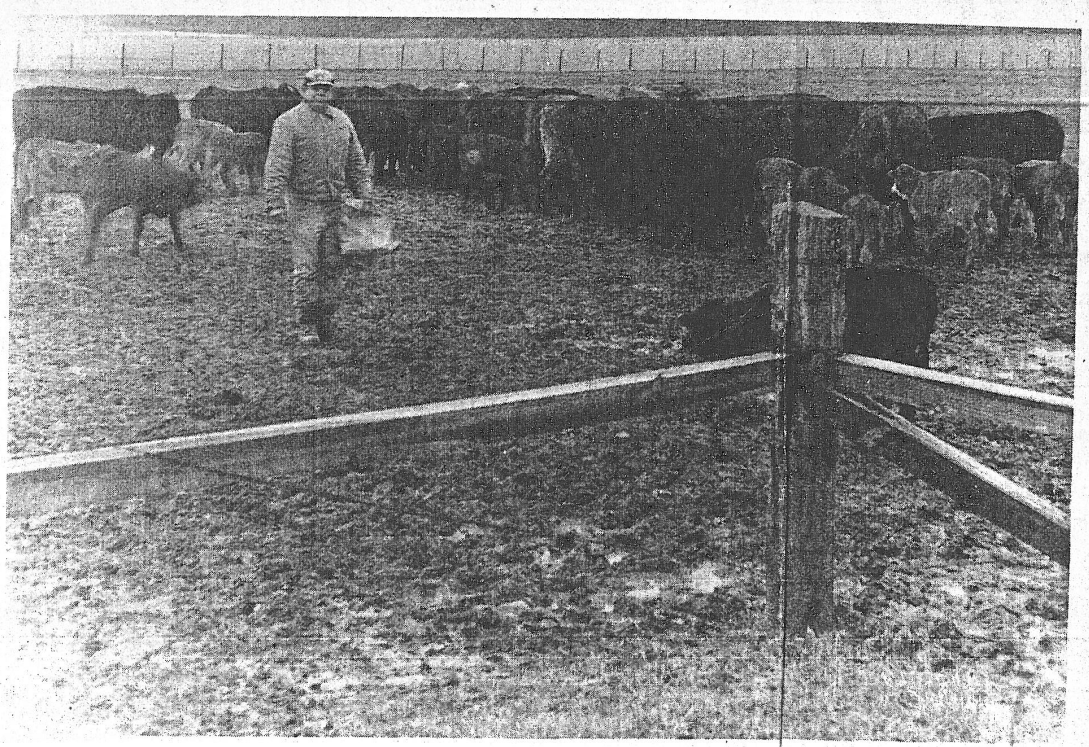
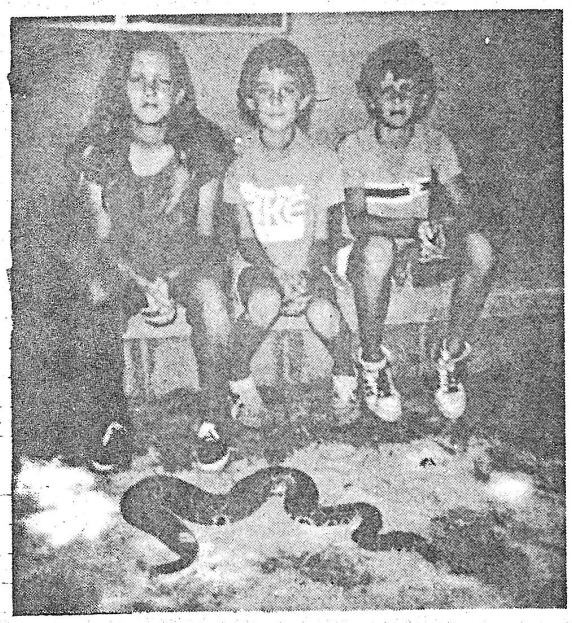


. . Tanner Feeding Livestock

MFBF Women

P-14/MFBF NEWS/MAY-JUNE, 1986

WELCOMING Ruth Tanner as new District 7 women's chairman was on the agenda during a busy spring training session held at the Forrest County Farm Bureau.



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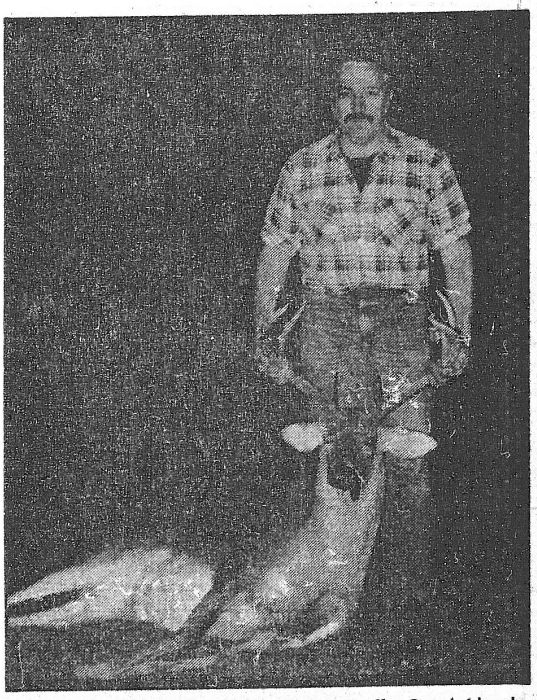

RAYFORD TANNER of Hurley shows off a 9-point buck he killed hunting in Tanner-Williams community. The deer wighed 185 pounds. 12-92

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Book Presentation . . . IN OBSERVANCE of Independence Day Mrs. Ruth Tanner and Mrs. Pauline Hempstead present Janet Smith, local librarian, the book "History of Farm Bureau in Mississippi." The two ladies are members of the Farm Bureau Women's Committee. Farm Bureau nationwide initiated a program to promote activities to stimulate patriotism among all ages. Local activities included a program for the summer reading club members at the George County Public Library. Club members received booklets on pledging allegiance to the flag.

Tanner seeks coroner's office in George county

LUCEDALE — Rickey Tanner, 30, has announced his candidacy for coroner in George County in the Sept. 17 Democratic primary.

Tanner is a 1979 graduate of George County High School and a 1984 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi where he received a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

He worked four years in an intensive care unit and was charge nurse for two years in an artificial kidney unit. He is presently employed with a home health agency and is pastor of Midway Baptist Church in Howell community.

Tanner is married to the former Evelyn Maples of Rocky Creek and they have two sons. He is son of Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Tanner and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kyle and the late Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tanner, all of Howell community.

Rickey Tanner

The office of coroner is paid on a case basis.

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To: Doug Tanner
From: Mississippi Jack
Re: Scroll of Merit

Recognizing that a portion of Jackson County's greatest resource — its youth — was being needlessly lost, Doug Tanner has devoted many years of his life to working with troubled youngsters and helping them to find constructive paths for their lives.

Doug Tanner

Tanner was instrumental in recognizing the need for launching a Youth Court in Jackson County. Since then, he has led youth groups to Parchman prison to help get them back on the right track.

"There's nothing wrong with most of these kids, they just need a little attention," Tanner said.

For his invaluable assistance in conserving Jackson County's most valuable resource, Mississippi Jack salutes Doug Tanner with this week's Scroll of Merit.

Mississippi Jack

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Youth Court honors top volunteers at awards banquet

Doug Tanner was named Outstanding Volunteer of the Year for the Jackson County Youth Court at the court's annual awards banquet.

The event was held Oct. 28 at the Moss Point Riverfront Community Center.

Tanner was honored for his work with the court since 1974. "He has served long and well," Youth Court Judge Emily Baker said in presenting Tanner his plaque.

"He remains a staunch believer in what the volunteer program stands for, and agrees with our philosophy of volunteerism — We Care, We Share," she added.

Frank Hembree and Shirley Giafaglioni were presented special recognition awards for what Judge Baker called "their special and unique service to the court."

Other honorees and their categories of nomination were:

- Danny Murphy, court services.
- Curtis Coleman, volunteer-in-probation.
- Chevron U.S.A. Inc., court volunteer organization.
- Calling All Christians Church, shelter volunteer organization.
- Donnie Waller, individual volunteer in detention.
- Bethel Assembly of God Church, volunteer organization in detention.
- Mitchell Ducote, court educational volunteer.
- Samantha Farrier, shelter educational volunteer.
- Sarah Hawkins, individual volunteer in the shelter.
- Helen Crosby, shelter home.
- Peggy Egan, CHINS (Children In Need of Supervision).
- Meedie Lieb, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate).

Entertainment at the banquet was provided by the Clare Hans School of Dance of Moss Point, featuring Laura Hendry, Teffany Gilner, Ann Marie Niles, Sideal Hill, Trina Hill, Grace Hill and Margaret Hill.

Kerry Dykes and Cheree Nelson of the Magnolia Springs Assembly of God Church also presented vocal selections.

Dorothy Dubose, chair of the court's Citizens Advisory Committee, welcomed visitors and volunteers, and introduced the evening's emcee, Philip Weinberg, Youth Court prosecutor.

The Rev. Elijah Henry Sr., pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Moss Point, offered the invocation. Benediction was given by the Rev. Jim Moore, pastor of the Worship Center of Escatawpa.

Conrad Clark, an employee of Chevron U.S.A. Inc., introduced the evening's guest speaker, Lt. Pete Collins of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol.

A master of the art of humor as a means of conveying serious messages, Lt. Collins focused his speech on the right of every child to be loved by his or her family, and by everyone else who touches that young life.

"Not only should that child be loved," Lt. Collins said, "but we must also let the child know that we love him or her, and accept them unconditionally."

Judge Baker offered her own remarks of appreciation to all the volunteers who work with the Youth Court. Court Administrator Margarett Steele thanked volunteers for sharing their lives with the children of the court.

Helping present awards were Catherine Avant, coordinator of volunteer services; Sandra May, shelter social worker; Meedie Lieb, CASA coordinator, and Teresa Hartman, CHINS coordinator.

The award winners' selections were based on the quality of time each spent with and on behalf of the minors coming through the court system, their commitment to their assignments.

"They are also honored for the caring that the children receive from them," Judge Baker said, "the caring that each child receives a chance at a better life. No greater gift can one share with a child than to be there for them, and to love them, even when they are flawed."

TOP VOLUNTEER — Youth Court Judge Emily Baker presents Doug Tanner with a plaque commemorating his selection as the court's Outstanding Volunteer of the Year for 1989.

VOLUNTEERS HONORED — Among volunteers receiving awards for their work with the Youth Court are (from left) Danny Murphy, Frank Hembry, Curtis Coleman, Donnie Waller and Shirley Giafaglioni.

Youth Court Photos/Cliff Stagg

TOP GROUP — Volunteers with Calling All Christians Church accepting the Youth Court group award are (from left) Joyce Nelson, Mary Jones, Margueriette Fields, Sam Jones and Jerry Coleman.

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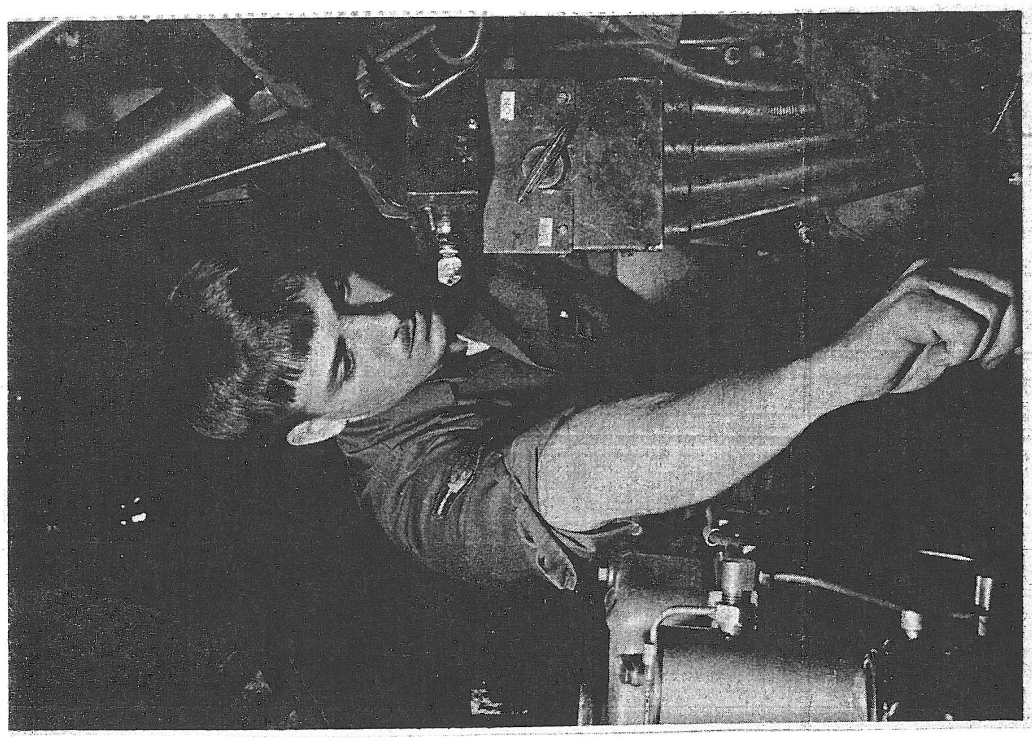
HONORED BY YOUTH COURT — Among the volunteers honored at the annual awards banquet of the Jackson County Youth Court were these local citizens. In the photo at left are volunteers (from left) Miguel Saavedra, Doug Tanner, Donnie Waller, Jean Gaston representing Southside Baptist Church, and Helen P. Fairley. In the photo at right are volunteers (from left) Sue Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bounds, Margurette Field and Constance Walker.



Engine Work . . .

AIR FORCE Airman 1st Class Tony L. Tanner of Lucedale works on the engine of a piece of cargo loading equipment as part of his special purpose mechanic's job at RAF Mildenhall, England. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

Tony Tanner Enjoys Duty In England

by MSgt. Richard D. Kovacs

Everyone has their favorite image of England. Some of us picture the thick, rolling fog of London with Big Ben chiming in the background. Others see the lush forests, meadows and dales of the days of Robin Hood. Still others envision mysterious castles where knights of old performed feats of chivalry.

But, England is more than just a fairy tale land to Air Force Airman 1st Class Tony L. Tanner of Lucedale. Tanner, son of Ely L. and Ruth Tanner, Route 2, said, "I really enjoy it here. There are a lot of sights to see and numerous things to do.

"One thing about England is there are no dirt roads. I didn't like them in the States but I find it interesting that they don't even have them here. Also, I like hunting and fishing and although they have both here, I don't do much of them because it's different.

"Traveling is great. Germany, France, Italy, Scotland and other countries are close by and there are tourist companies locally that offer tours of these countries at very reasonable prices.

Tanner, and other Air Force members are serving in England as part of the NATO alliance, based on the principles of maintaining an adequate and professional military strength in Europe.

RAF Mildenhall, located about 85 miles North of London, is the 'Gateway to the United Kingdom', the military aerial port of entry in England. The host unit operates command and control air craft and provides support for helicopters, stratotankers and transient transport aircraft.

"I am a special purpose mechanic and I maintain a service material handling equipment which covers such vehicles as forklifts, cargo loaders, and tugs.

"My job is very interesting. I will fix a vehicle for one thing one day and the following day it will be in for something else, I never know what to expect. I never knew so many things could go wrong with a single vehicle.

"The real excitement is the feeling of pride I get when the vehicles I have worked on rolls out of the shop like new and I fixed something--that before I became a mechanic I thought was really a major problem.

"Before I came in to this job I never did much mechanic work, but after working with the guys in my shop, things just seem to fall in place--it always seemed complicated to me but actually it's not.

"We have a vital role in the mission. By maintaining the loading equipment we can ensure that the many aircraft coming through here daily are unloaded and loaded and back in the air--on time."

American servicemembers serving in a foreign country try to keep their way of life as close to what they consider normal as possible.

"In my off-duty time I try to get involved in as much as possible to pass the time. Besides traveling I am in some of the squadron sports programs like flag football and golf and I play softball for the base team. Also I am taking college courses in real estate and business."

Tanner, a 1983 graduate of George County High School, is currently working on an associate degree through the community college of the Air Force.

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THURSDAY, JULY 11, 1996 MOBILE PRESS REGISTER

Oldest teacher retiree dies

▶ Remembered as firm but fair, Annie Tanner 'had your best interest at heart at all times'

Staff Report

Recently honored as the Mobile Retired Teachers Association's oldest member, Annie Tanner Snow died Wednesday. She was 96.

"She was an excellent teacher; she was very dedicated. She was principal when I was at Wilmer schools for several years," said Robley Evans, her nephew. "I remember she was very fair — firm but fair. She had your best interest at heart at all times."

Mrs. Snow was a teacher in the Mobile County Public School System for 47 years. She began her career in a one-room schoolhouse at Boothetown in northwest Mobile County in 1918.

After a year there, she moved to Theodore. A year later, she transferred to Semmes where she became principal until her marriage to Dewey Tanner in 1928.

After nine years as a homemaker, Mrs. Snow became a teacher at Indian Springs School in 1937. When it was consolidated with Semmes the next year, she transferred to Tanner-Williams.

In 1958, she was promoted to principal of Wilmer Junior High School and was a supervising principal there until her retirement in 1965.

A 4-H Club leader for many years, she received the 25-year pin for service in that organization. Many of her students achieved outstanding awards under her leadership, family members said.

Mrs. Snow was also a member of Wilmer United Methodist Church and Delta Kappa Gamma sorority. She was president of the Wilmer Senior Citizen's Association.

She earned a bachelor's degree from Livingston State Teacher's College in 1948. She enrolled at Mississippi Southern immediately following her undergraduate studies and graduated with a master's degree in elementary supervision in 1954. She did further graduate work at the University of Alabama and Peabody College.

After retirement, Mrs. Snow spent time traveling in Europe, the Middle East and the Caribbean, her nephew said.

Survivors include two sisters, Augusta McDonald of Wilmer and Lucile Strickler of Pascagoula, Miss.

Tanner ... taught 47 years

Visitation is to be tonight from 6 to 8:30 at Radney Funeral Home. Services are set for 10 a.m. Friday at Wilmer United Methodist Church, with burial at Wilmer Cemetery.

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Tanner

MOSS POINT HIGH School's 1983 STAR Student is Joseph Benigno. He selected Mrs. Peggy Tanner, sixth grade teacher at West Elementary, as STAR Teacher. He achieved the honor by scoring higest on the ACT exam.

Joe attends Dantzler Memorial First United Church of Moss Point. He was named Boy of the Month for January by the National Honor Society. He has played the trumpet in the MPHS Symphonic Band and was a Governor's School and Boys State delegate last summer.

Joe is in the Edward McGraw Scholarship Program, a nationwide scientific paper competition. His paper was chosen in the top 25 semifinalists status. Joe has been the recipient of numerous science fair awards, including first place in district and placement in state this year. He was named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist this year. He plans to attend Mississippi State University this fall where he will major in electrical engineering.

Mrs. Tanner is a native of Brookhaven, a graduate of Whitworth College in that city and the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. She received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education; taught sixth grade for 27 of 28 years in the Moss Point School System.

An instructor of English and social studies at West, she is an active supporter of science fairs, having served as coordinator of the elementary's fairs for eight years. She also served as city-wide science fair coordinator.

Mrs. Tanner is a resident of Moss Point. Married to Luther W. Tanner, she is the mother of two children — Cindy Tanner of Mobile and Hugh Tanner of Oxford. She taught Joe in the sixth grade, the year he won his first of many firsts to come at the district science fair.

Moss Point High School

Mrs. Peggy Tanner

Joe Benigno

TWO CHILDREN MAKES FIVE — This group of five generations recently gathered in the Moss Point home of Sadie Tanner for this precious photograph. They are (left to right) Leatrice D. Robison, mother, of Moss Point; Lara Kaye Ann Robison, daughter, Moss Point; Frank David Yates, grandfather, Hurley; Sadie Tanner, great-great grandmother, Moss Point; Susie Goodwin, great-grandmother, Moss Point; and Jessica Rae Robison, daughter, Moss Point. 11-90

Tanners set reunion

HURLEY — The James Madison Tanner family reunion will be held this weekend at East Central Park on Mississippi 613.

The fete will begin in the late morning hours of Sunday, Sept. 19. Family members and friends have been asked to bring a basket lunch and lawn chairs. 82

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Tanner reunion re-scheduled

The ninth annual James Madison Tanner family reunion has been rescheduled because of Hurricane Elena.

The event had been set for this Sunday, but instead will be held Saturday, Oct. 5, at East Central Park.

Friends and relatives are asked to bring a basket lunch for dinner on the grounds.

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Louis Tanner Descendants Hold Reunion

After eleven years the children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Louis Tanner got together for a family reunion at the home of Eldridge Tanner. This great event was held July 14, 1974. Out of the 12 children of Louis Tanner there are still eight of them living.

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Movella yarn-spinner likes to dish it out

Photos and story
By CAROLYN HAINES

MOVELLA — Like Samuel Clemens, B. G. Tanner is a yarn spinner, making the most of hominess and humor in his tales. But Tanner is a talker, not a writer.

Chances are that Tanner's stories will be remembered only by family and friends. But those who are lucky enough to sit in as Tanner recounts yarns about 'the old days' leave with a lasting impression.

His tales are interesting and his delivery is sharp and calculated. His blue eyes snap and twinkle as he talks. The short, terse sentences are punctuated with vivid details and descriptions. Burlin Tanner is a natural story-teller.

Mostly Tanner talks of personal experiences or those involving acquaintances — some friendly, others not so friendly.

"Times were hard then and people managed the best they could," he said with a grin that prefaced a yarn. "Once I remember things were pretty bad. I had a wife and young'uns to feed.

"Well, anyway, a friend of mine offered me $10 to help him with a chore," and again Tanner grins.

"I spent a few days in jail — got caught in a raid hauling that moonshine. They were going to fine each of us $108, but I talked them down to $3. Even then I couldn't get out. Friend of mine came and got me out.

"The thing that still gets me is that everybody thereabouts made whisky and never got caught. I was just transporting it and got thrown in the calaboose!" But the grin flashes again and reveals Tanner's delight in the whole episode.

A man who has experienced work in many forms, Tanner has also been a logger. "Why one time we left here (the Movella area, about 16 miles south of Lucedale) with 20 trees — each about 65 feet long. The river was about a mile wide where we put them in.

"The logs got jammed and split the raft up. We wound up — just the two of us — going down the river on one log with a half sack of flour, a skillet and one small piece of meat.

"Now I was traveling with Presh Finch. Those were his logs. We just couldn't give up and let that timber money float away. We stayed on our log, caught up with the others, rounded them up and took them to sell.

"For two days we didn't have anything to eat!"

Presh, now dead, and Burlin rode home on a log train — there were no passenger cars—eating apples that Presh had bought for his children.

In another logging adventure Tanner was carrying some timber for his father across Goodmill Lake. "A strong north wind came up and blew me toward the river. The waves were so high they were washing over me on the logs and I was carried out in the river.

"I tried to push back into the lake with my peevie. I pushed down hard, didn't hit bottom and went in head first," Tanner said.

He managed to get out of the water and get back on the logs, but a logjam had developed at the Salisbury Cut-off. "The 'kitchen' went right under that jam," Tanner recalled. A "kitchen" is the part of a log raft where provisions are kept.

"It was so cold my hair froze," Tanner said, hunching over a little as if the cold were nipping him once again. "The old man who worked in the kitchen sat and rolled the matches in his hands until they were dry enough to burn so's he could make a fire."

But the adventure was far from over. Only one sack of flour has survived the dunking and during the night while the raft was tied to the bank a bear invaded and stole half of the flour. "I've seen some tough times," Tanner remarked, shaking his head at the memory of a river trip with only half a sack of flour to eat.

At one time Tanner worked as a watchman at his father's lumber yard. "Now, really I was supposed to stay at the yard all night and watch over it.

"But, you see, I had just bought me a brand new '24 Ford. So's I decided to ride over to the other side of Tanner's Cemetery and make a little purchase.

"Well, I guess I drank about a quart and headed home. That's when the trouble started. I was makin' all that car would make when I hit the sweet gum tree. Well sir, I backed up and hit another. The dead top of the tree shapped off and fell right on top of me.

"Now that car was still runnin'. As a matter of fact you didn't even have to turn the switch on. So I went back to work, finished my shift, bought some groceries and headed home.

"I was fixing to pull into my yard when the cap — the tank was under the seat — blew off and went through the roof of the car. Then she started to burn.

"Well, I went and got a bucket of water and threw on it, but that just made it burn better. I sat on a stump and just watched it burn. Was just a hull left." Though Tanner's eyes gleam he conceals the grin, trying to act mournful. Finally he breaks out in a laugh.

"You know what time it is when one Ford passes another?" he questions. "Tin past tin!" he chuckles.

That '24 tin lizzie was the only car Tanner bought. But he's had quite a few dealings with horses. After 335 head passed through his hands "I quit counting."

Charlie, a four-year-old quarter horse, is Burlin's present companion. "I mostly plow Charlie, but one day I'm going to buy a race cart and hitch him to it so's I can go vistin'," Tanner said.

Politics don't enter Tanner's conversation often, but one policy he strongly disagrees with is daylight savings time. He refuses to run his clocks on it and when it is in effect there is sometimes confusion.

"Whenever anyone tells me a time, they have to tell me whether it's my time or theirs," he laughed.

At 82 years of age — 83 in April — Tanner has an easier life. Wiry and independent, he spends some time plowing, working in the garden, with Charlie or just sitting on his porch swapping tales with friends and grandchildren who stop by.

His wife is dead and his children are grown and married with children who have children. But Tanner isn't depressed. He enjoys the porch or sitting by his fireplace, chewing tobacco and thinking of the past — preparing another yarn for his next visitor.

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Tony Tanner Receives Student Council Award

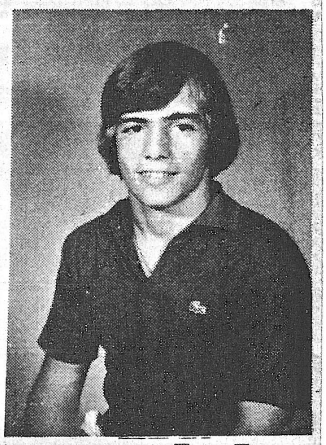
Tony Tanner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Tanner of Agricola, received Honorable Mention as the Most Outstanding Student Council Member Award during the Annual Mississippi Association Student Council Convention that was held in Jackson in March.

This recognition is significant, because it represents the first attempt by the G.C.H.S. Student Council to participate in State Competition for this honor.

The Most Outstanding Student Council Member Award is based on the student's involvement in his school and community with leadership roles in relationships among faculty, staff, students and the community.

Aside from Student Council activities, Tony is active in the FFA, FCA, Biology Club, and "G" Club. He has been the recipient of the FFA Star Greenhead Award, Mr. George County Junior High, President of the Freshmen Class, Nominated Most Courteous, and his name will appear in the 1982 yearbook of Outstanding Student Council Members.

Tony is a Junior at George County High School.



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The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Tony Tanner has been named a 1982 United States National Award winner in Student Council.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes less than 5% of all American high school students.

Tony, who attends George County High School, was nominated for this National award by Johnnye Taylor, an advisor at the school.

Tony will appear in the United States Academy Official Yearbook, published nationally.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors or other school sponsors and upon the Standards for Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Tanner. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Tanner of Lucedale, and Billy Cauley and the late Margie Cauley of Pascagoula.

PERKINSTON, Miss. — Gulf Coast Junior College sophomore Delana Cuevas of Moss Point has been elected Student Council president at Perkinston Campus. The computer science major will serve the 1982-83 school year.

During her freshman year she was secretary-treasurer of the council, cheerleader and Homecoming maid. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Cuevas.

Other officers are Dawn Tanner of Lucedale, vice president; Debbie Collins of Pascagoula, secretary; and Myra Bodie of Columbia, treasurer.

Tanner, a secretarial science major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Tanner. Collins, daughter of Mrs. Georgette Collins, is majoring in business administration. Bodie is studying business. She is the daughter of Mrs. Bob Miller.

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Sunday, May 15, 1988 Mississippi Press—3-C

Anna O'Neill OES chapter installs slate

In an impressive ceremony held May 7, Anna O'Neill Chapter 37, Order of the Eastern Star, installed officers for the coming year.

The chapter was called to order by the outgoing Worthy Patron Cleveland Harrell and outgoing Worthy Matron Virginia Harrell. Attending at the altar was Doris Watts.

John O. Maki, past patron, led the invocation with the Lord's Prayer recited in unison. The flag was presented and the National Anthem sung.

The welcome address and introductions of visitors were given by Mrs. Harrell. Installing Matron Gail Amonett, past matron, introduced her installing officers.

These included past patron Robert Earl Amonett, installing patron; past matron Eileene Breland, installing marshall; past matron Anna Tolar, installing chaplain; past matron Mazelle Breland, installing organist; past matron Irene Adams, installing secretary, and Barbara Goff, soloist.

Installed were Tressie Tanner, worthy matron; Harvey Tanner, worthy patron; Doris Watts, associate matron; Don Watkins, associate patron; past matron Annette Graham, secretary; past matron Eunice Turner, treasurer;

Sharon Stricklin, conductress; Mary Alice McArthur, associate conductress; Juanita Henderson, chaplain; Maxie Furby, marshall; past matron Mazelle Breland, organist;

Past matron Faye Lemaitre, Adah; Ruth Butler, Ruth; Mary Foreman, Esther; Lucille McCary, Martha; Dorothy Watkins, Electa; Carpenter McArthur, warder, and John Burrows, sentinel.

The worthy matron and worthy patron delivered remarks, and Ms. Goff sang the worthy matron's song, *One Day At A Time.*

Families of the worthy matron and worthy patron were introduced, including their grandchildren, Shanna Lynn Turner and Danielle Nicole Oliver, who have been named chapter sweethearts, and Ryan O'Neil Turner, Lloyd Vance Oliver III and William J. Douglas Jr., who have been named chapter beaux.

Tressie Tanner
OES Worthy Matron

Mr. and Mrs. J.O. (Shirley) Maki were presented as Chapter Mom and Dad. The Tanners' family presented them with a gift and Mrs. Amonett presented Mrs. Tanner with a dozen red roses.

Ms. Stricklin closed the Bible. The hymn *Blest Be the Tie* was sung and the mizpah benediction recited in unison. Worshipful Master Carpenter McArthur gave the benediction. A reception followed in the Lodge h.

Mrs. Tanner chose as her theme, "Love One Another"; as her emblem, the cup; as her guide, the Bible; as her watchwords, love and happiness; as her colors, red and white, and as her flower, the red rose.

In the reception hall, silk arrangements of red and white roses graced banquet and tea tables. Heavy lace over linen cloth covered tables with crystal candleholders holding red tapers. A large crystal punch bowl completed the decor. Refreshments were served by chapter members and family.

Guests were registered by Rhonda Watts of Rainbow Assembly 21. A large number of friends and family attended.

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Kim Moss was crowned Queen and Most Photogenic in the Red Cross Pageant on Saturday night. Gina Moss was crowned Queen in her division. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moss.

Amy Tanner was judged Most Photogenic and Tracy Tanner was third alternate in their division. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Delwood Tanner. They are the granddaughters of Mr. and Mrs. Lizzie Tanner and Mr. and Mrs. Bo Gambles of Lucedale.

Lisa Hinton won third alternate and received the fashion award in her division. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Hinton and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tanner.

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* Gwen (Tanner) Fairley
daughter of Herlie & Marguerite (Sibley) Tanner.

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Dress Revue A Success

The George County Extension Homemaker's Dress Revue was a success. We had seventeen homemaker's participating in ten categories. The 1st place winners are: Mrs. Doris Alexander, Sportswear Division (14 & under), Mrs. Maybird Grant, Sportswear Division (14½ & over), Mrs. Patty Smith, Dress Division (14 & under), Mrs. Opal Peters, Dress Division (14½ & over), * Mrs. Gwen Fairley, Pantsuit Division (14 & under), Mrs. Maybird Grant, Pantsuit Division (14½ & over), Mrs. Doris Alexander, Suit Division (14 & under). Mrs. Opal Peters, Suit Division (14½ & over), Mrs. Doris Alexander, Formal Wear (14 & under), Mrs. Maybird Grant, Formal Wear (14½ & over).

These Homemakers will participate in the Southeast District Extension Homemaker's Council & Fashion Show at Jones Jr. College, April 3, 1984 at 9:00 a.m.

We extend special thanks to Mrs. Faye McNeill and Mr. Bob Mauldin for narrating our program and to Mrs. Mary Frances Hurt and Mrs. Ruth Leverette for serving as judges.

The added attraction for entertainment was "Fashions from the Hills of Tennessee", modeled by Donna Mauldin, Chairman, Nancy Hudson, Mary Gambles, Doris Alexander, Sandi Summers, Bertha Fairley, Debbie Wright and Sarah Ballard.

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ANTHONY TANNER

FORT JACKSON, S.C. — Army National Guard Pvt. Anthony G. Tanner, son of Leon and Betty Tanner of Route 1, Lucedale, has completed Army basic training here.

A century of caring comes to

By JUDY JOHNSON
Coastlines Editor

Together their ages add up to just one year shy of 100. Together they are generations apart, but as close as love can bring anyone.

They are 95-year old Clara Tanner of Kreole, and her great-granddaughter, 4-year old Melissa Tanner of Pittsburg, Pa., and they met for the first time ever this spring.

Melissa and her mother, Janet Tanner, motored to the coast recently for a visit, accompanied by Mrs. Tanner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Sciullo, also of Pittsburg.

While here, they family stayed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Daughdrill of Kreole. Mrs. Tanner makes her home with Jerry and his wife, the former Helen Broun, who is also Mrs. Tanner's granddaughter.

On the coast

The visit included a side trip to Dauphin Island, Ala., for a picnic and seashell hunt, and a day in New Orleans — and everyone used every excuse they could think of to stuff the visitors with seafood!

All the sightseeing and excitement of the trip took a back seat, however, to the highlight of the visit — the times when Melissa visited with her grandma Clara, sharing bedside coloring sessions of valentines and flowers, and views of the world from their combined near-century mark of experience.

THE BIRTHDAY of Mrs. J.E. Krebs was celebrated recently by the Pascagoula Stitch Club. Pauline Canarela hosted the event at her home on Williams Street.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1985

Harrell Tanner Named Outstanding Cattleman

by George McNeill

Any successful business has to be efficient to survive today. The same is true with the beef cattle industry. Producing top calves is the goal fo Harell Tanner, beef cattle producer near Lucedale. Tanner has been named the Outstanding Cattleman in George County by the George and Jackson County Cattleman's Association.

He was also nominated by the Association for the Master Cattleman Award given by the Mississippi Cattleman's Association at their annual convention each year.

Tanner has 150 acres in his beef cattle farm. He and his son, Marty, who is a junior in the School of Veterinary Medicine at Mississipi State University, have developed an outstanding herd of Beefmaster cattle.

Tanner said to have good cattle, you have to constantly cull. To do this, he weighs the calves at weaning weights and uses this as a tool to select the top cows in the herd. The herd bull is half the herd, and he selects his bulls from performance-tested herds. He is presently using a Beefmaster bull on his certified Beefmaster herd and a Brangus bull on his grade cows.

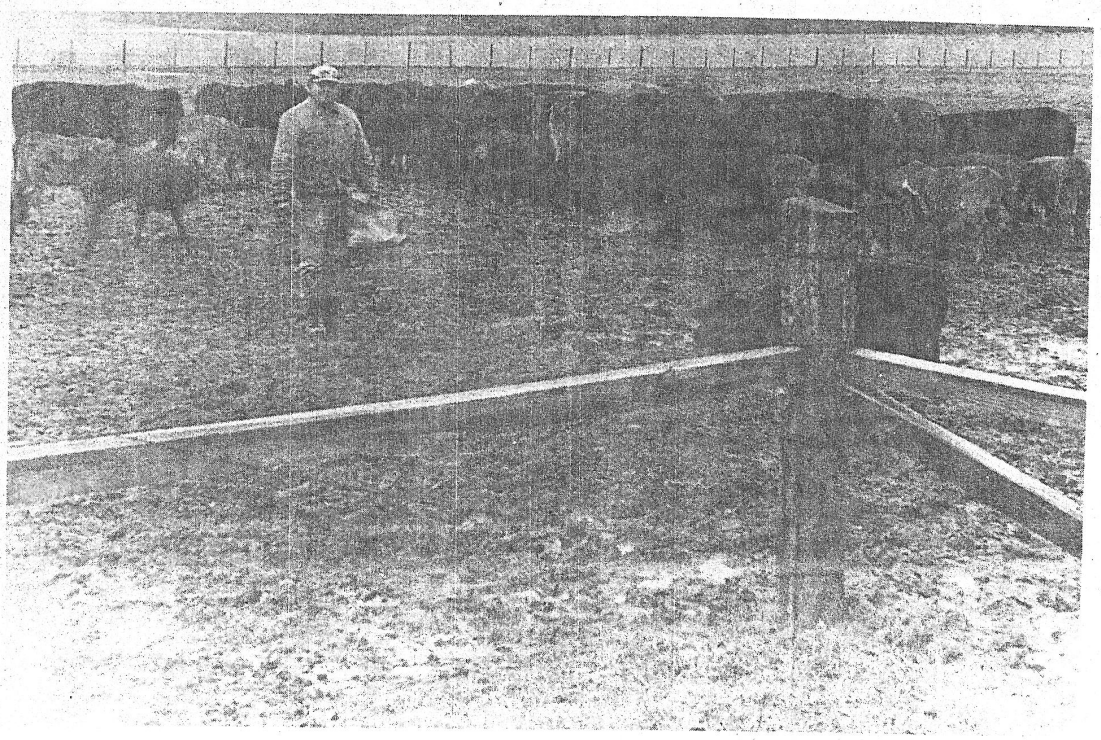
Soil test recommendations made by the Extension Service are followed by Tanner. His bahia pastures are fenced so he can use a rotation system in grazing for better utilization. He overseeds with ryegrass for winter grazing.

For weed control, he uses a combination of clipping and chemicals.

Tanner is a very detailed cattle producer. You will notice his place as you drive by because of its neatness. His fence rows are clean and his pastures are stocked for even grazing, and fencing is in top order. No unbred brood cows are carried through the winter.

For several years. Tanner was associated with the George County Stockyards, and still works the sale each Thursday. People who winter graze cattle are constantly competing for Tanner's calf crop because they have been properly vaccinated and have a good background for winter grazing.

Producing top quality calves is a goal of Tanner. He works to upgrade his cow herd to accomplish this goal.



. . . Tanner Feeding Livestock

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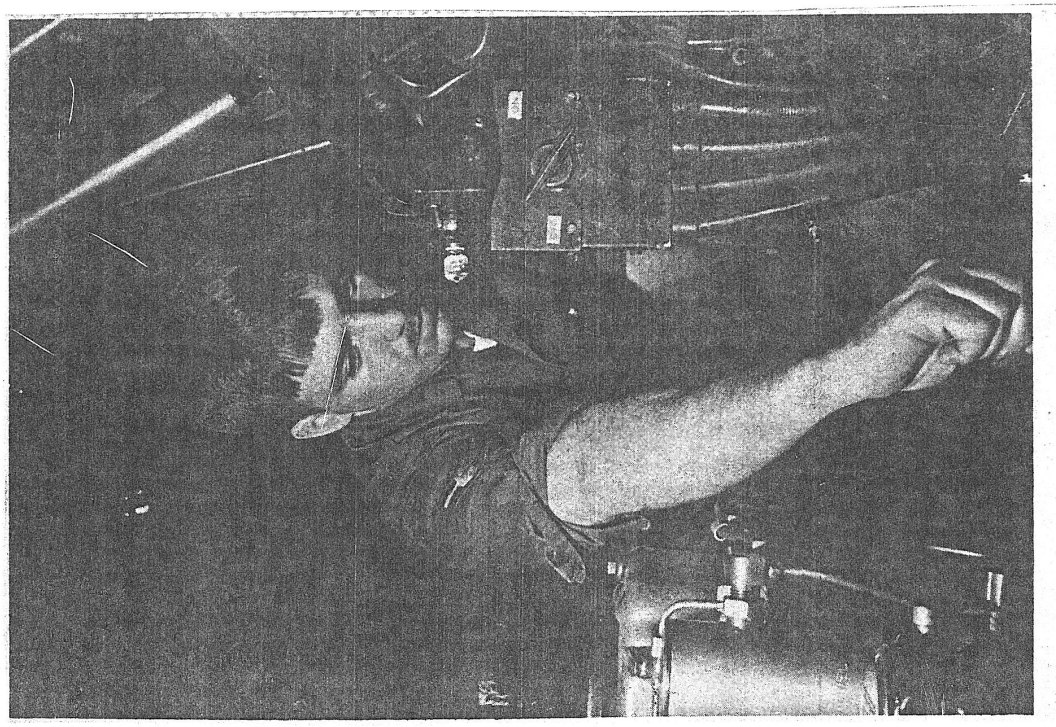
What is

JAN TANNER, Pascagoula: "Being adopted, I am very glad and I thank God my biological mother loved me enough to give me life so that I could love and give life to my own family. To me, giving birth was the greatest experience but it was also a gift God allowed me to experience. I sure would hate to be the personnel of Pascagoula's new and unwanted abortion murder clinic waiting for entry at the Pearly Gates."



Engine Work . . .

AIR FORCE Airman 1st Class Tony L. Tanner of Lucedale works on the engine of a piece of cargo loading equipment as part of his special purpose mechanic's job at RAF Mildenhall, England. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

Tony Tanner Enjoys Duty In England

by MSgt. Richard D. Kovacs

Everyone has their favorite image of England. Some of us picture the thick, rolling fog of London with Big Ben chiming in the background. Others see the lush forests, meadows and dales of the days of Robin Hood. Still others envision mysterious castles where knights of old performed feats of chivalry.

But, England is more than just a fairy tale land to Air Force Airman 1st Class Tony L. Tanner of Lucedale. Tanner, son of Ely L. and Ruth Tanner, Route 2, said, "I really enjoy it here. There are a lot of sights to see and numerous things to do.

"One thing about England is there are no dirt roads. I didn't like them in the States but I find it interesting that they don't even have them here. Also, I like hunting and fishing and although they have both here, I don't do much of them because it's different.

"Traveling is great. Germany, France, Italy, Scotland and other countries are close by and there are tourist companies locally that offer tours of these countries at very reasonable prices.

Tanner, and other Air Force members are serving in England as part of the NATO alliance, based on the principles of maintaining an adequate and professional military strength in Europe.

RAF Mildenhall, located about 85 miles North of London, is the 'Gateway to the United Kingdom', the military aerial port of entry in England. The host unit operates command and control air craft and provides support for helicopters, stratotankers and transient transport aircraft.

"I am a special purpose mechanic and I maintain a service material handling equipment which covers such vehicles as forklifts, cargo loaders, and tugs.

"My job is very interesting. I will fix a vehicle for one thing one day and the following day it will be in for something else, I never know what to expect. I never knew so many things could go wrong with a single vehicle.

"The real excitement is the feeling of pride I get when the vehicles I have worked on rolls out of the shop like new and I fixed something--that before I became a mechanic I thought was really a major problem.

"Before I came in to this job I never did much mechanic work, but after working with the guys in my shop, things just seem to fall in place--it always seemed complicated to me but actually it's not.

"We have a vital role in the mission. By maintaining the loading equipment we can ensure that the many aircraft coming through here daily are unloaded and loaded and back in the air--on time."

American servicemembers serving in a foreign country try to keep their way of life as close to what they consider normal as possible.

"In my off-duty time I try to get involved in as much as possible to pass the time. Besides traveling I am in some of the squadron sports programs like flag football and golf and I play softball for the base team. Also I am taking college courses in real estate and business."

Tanner, a 1983 graduate of George County High School, is currently working on an associate degree through the community college of the Air Force.

JACKSON — Brenda K. Tanner of Pascagoula student has been awarded a $1,000 scholarship by the Hinds County Lawyers' Wives Association.

A third year law student at University of Mississippi School of Law, she received the scholarship from Dean Thomas A. Edmonds. The Jackson group provides the academic scholarship every other year for a deserving law student at Ole Miss.

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UNIVERSITY — Brenda Tanner of Escatawpa, Anthony Goretski and Jennifer Latour of Ocean Springs and Michael E. Heilman of Pascagoula are recent initiates of Phi Kappa Phi national honor society at the University of Mississippi.

Chartered at Ole Miss in 1959, Phi Kappa Phi recognizes scholarships in all disciplines. Phi Kappa Phi is the highest academic honor attainable at Ole Miss.

UNIVERSITY — University of Mississippi awarded 19 degrees on May 9 to local students among spring semester candidates.

Bachelor's degrees went to Teresa Kirkwood, Lucedale; Ann Wolfe, Gautier; Jacqueline Roberts, Wayne Alliston, Jennifer Latour, Anthony Goretski Jr., Eileen Garrard, Ocean Springs; Martha Stallworth, Amanda Norton, Shelly Pederson and Sallie Baumhauer, Pascagoula.

Master's degrees went to Sherita Sullivan, Pascagoula.

Juris doctor degrees went to Brenda Tanner, Escatawpa; Brett Williams, James Farrior III, Roderick Ward III, Elliot Mestayer and Michael Heilman, Pascagoula.

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PERKINSTON, Miss. — Gulf Coast Junior College sophomore Delana Cuevas of Moss Point has been elected Student Council president at Perkinston Campus. The computer science major will serve the 1982-83 school year.

During her freshman year she was secretary-treasurer of the council, cheerleader and Homecoming maid. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Cuevas.

Other officers are Dawn Tanner of Lucedale, vice president; Debbie Collins of Pascagoula, secretary; and Myra Bodie of Columbia, treasurer.

Tanner, a secretarial science major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Tanner. Collins, daughter of Mrs. Georgette Collins, is majoring in business administration. Bodie is studying business. She is the daughter of Mrs. Bob Miller.

MISSISSIPPI STATE — Marty Tanner received a doctor of veterinary medicine degree from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University during commencement exercises held in May.

Marty is a member of the sixth class to graduate from the veterinary college. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harell L. Tanner of Lucedale.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1987

NOTICE

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MARSHALL TANNER, 83, Movella community. Service 3 p.m. Saturday in Movella Baptist Church. Fails Funeral Home, Lucedale.

Two arrested in Lucedale murder

BY TOM DONNELLY

Two Gulfport men have been charged with capital murder in connection with the Dec. 27 shooting death of Marshall Tanner, 83, Lucedale.

Detective Capt. Jack R. Walker Jr. of the sheriff's department said Billy Ray Mingo, 25, is being held in the George County Jail, while Michael Jackson, 19, has been booked in at the Adult Detention Center in Pascagoula.

The two men are accused of shooting Tanner to death at his home in the Movella community. Walker said they also robbed the elderly man of approximately $160.

Mingo and Jackson, according to Lionel Pierce, 50, also of Lucedale, came to Tanner's home and posed as law enforcement officers, claiming they had a warrant for Pierce's arrest.

Pierce said he was working for Tanner at the time. The two men were cleaning up a yard. Pierce said Mingo and Jackson asked Tanner if they could check his weapons and the four men went into the Tanner home were the two suspects allegedly shot Tanner and tied Pierce.

Pierce freed himself and called George County Sheriff Eugene Howell, who opened up an immediate investigation.

Jackson County Sheriff's Detectives Walker, Richard Cushman and Tommy Morgan, along with Barry R. Jones, investigator for the district attorney's office, were assigned to assist Sheriff Howell.

Walker said a joint effort between the Jackson and George County sheriff's departments quickly traced the two men to Gulfport.

Mingo was taken into custody Monday night by Gulfport detectives and Jackson was picked up by the same department Wednesday night.

Walker had issued "flyers" for the two men to the Gulfport Police Department.

George County man shot to death

12/27/79

LUCEDALE — An elderly George County man was fatally wounded Thursday morning at his home in the Movella community.

George County Sheriff Eugene Howell identified the man as Marshall Tanner, 83, of Route 1, Lucedale.

According to Howell, an eye witness to the alleged murder was Lionel Pierce, about 50, of Route 1, Lucedale. Pierce was working at the Tanner home.

Pierce told Howell he and Tanner were working in the backyard when two black men came into the yard and told Pierce they had a warrant for his arrest.

Pierce said the two men wanted to check Tanner's firearms. At that point the four men went into the house. The two blacks tied Pierce and shot Tanner, Pierce told the sheriff. The two blacks left; Pierce said he managed to free himself and called authorities about 9:15 a.m.

Howell said the murder weapon was believed to be a shotgun. However, the sheriff said the weapon had not been recovered. Howell said two drawers in the kitchen had been ransacked and about $160 was missing, according to Pierce's statement.

Howell said he had questioned Pierce extensively and at this time Pierce is not considered a suspect.

Howell requested the assistance of the Jackson County Sheriff's Department in the investigation. Detectives Jack R. Walker Jr. and Richard Cushman of the sheriff's department and Investigator Barry R. Jones of the Jackson County District Attorney's office have been assigned to the investigation.

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One Murdered, One Bound

By CAROLYN HAINES

No arrests have been made in the murder of an elderly George County man, but Sheriff Eugene Howell said an eye-witness to the murder has provided law officers with several good leads.

Marshall J. Tanner, 83, was shot to death in the kitchen of his Movella residence Thursday, Dec. 27, while an employee on the Tanner property was bound with neckties, Howell said.

Lionel Pierce, the eye-witness to the murder, has provided officers with the description of two black men who entered the Tanner property posing as law officers, Howell said.

Based on the events related to officers by Pierce, Howell said the murder suspects stole several weapons from the Tanner home and about $160 in cash. They bound Pierce with neckties and shot Tanner in the chest with a shotgun.

Howell was called to the murder scene Thursday morning by Pierce. The worker said he called law officers as soon as he untied himself.

A coroner's jury at the shooting scene headed by Justice Court Judge Jerry Ray Harvey ruled Tanner dead of a gunshot wound. Dr. Edmond Henson, a Mobile pathologist who reviewed the case, established the time of death at 8 a.m. Thursday. Tanner died of a single gunshot wound to the left chest in the heart area, Henson stated.

Howell said the case is presenting difficulties for law officers, even with the description given by Pierce. Jackson County officers are aiding Howell in the investigation.

In Robbery

Funeral services for Tanner were held 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, from Movella Baptist Church. Tanner was a life-long resident of the Movella community.

Interment followed in the church cemetery with Fails Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Tanner was a cattleman and farmer. He was a member of Movella Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Eleanor Bevins of Jackson, Mrs. Ida St. Philips and Mrs. La Nell Albritton, both of New Orleans; one son, Hillary Tanner of Jackson; six sisters, Mrs. Daisy Tompkins, Mrs. Irene Emerson, Mrs. Kathlene Emerson, all of Rt. 1, Lucedale, Mrs. Ruth Bolton of Wilmer, Mrs. Josephine Atwell and Mrs. Abbie Lee Towel, both of Ocean Springs; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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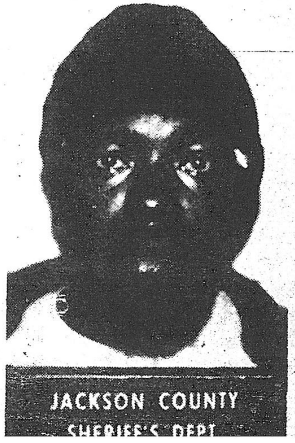
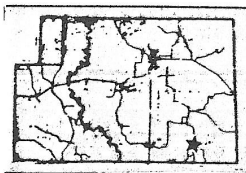


Two charged in murder

Michael Jackson, 19, left photo, and Billy Ray Mingo, 25, both of Gulfport, have been charged with capital murder in the Dec. 27 shooting death of Marshall Tanner, 83, of Lucedale. Barry R. Jones, district attorney investigator, assists Jackson out of an automobile in Pascagoula, while Mingo is shown in a sheriff's department lineup here. (See story, Page 10-A)



News From Movella

Mrs. Jo Ann Shotts 947-3925

This week's facts about families will be Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Tanner. They were both born and raised in George County. They lived in Pascagoula for a short time after they married. Mrs. Tanner is the former Margariette Tilley. Her parents were Albert and Roberta (Bertie Dean) Tilley. Mr. Hurley's parents were Lewis and Cloney Pierce Tanner. Married in 1927 they are the parents of two daughters Nell Reeves of Birmingham and Gwen Fairley of Basin. They have five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Mrs. Margaritte was born the year George County became George County and Mr. Hurley was born when George County was still a part of Jackson County. They have been working citizens of our community for many years. 11-85

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MFBF Women

P-14/MFBF NEWS/MAY-JUNE, 1986

WELCOMING Ruth Tanner as new District 7 women's chairman was on the agenda during a busy spring training session held at the Forrest County Farm Bureau.

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How homework changed Judy Tanner's life.

A mom like Judy Tanner does whatever she can to help her children.

When Judy discovered she had a rough time helping the kids with homework, she decided to go back to school.

She's tackling subjects like College Algebra and Business Management and Microcomputers at the Jackson County Campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

"Before Gulf Coast I didn't even know how to turn a computer on," says Judy. Now, she has a computer at home to help with homework.

Judy is majoring in accounting. With the "Two Plus Two" program, she plans to complete her first two years at MGCCC and then transfer to USM Gulf Coast on the Jackson County Campus.

"Most of all," says Judy, "the people at Gulf Coast made me feel welcome."

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, the next step for moms like Judy Tanner.

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Book Presentation . . . IN OBSERVANCE of Independence Day Mrs. Ruth Tanner and Mrs. Pauline Hempstead present Janet Smith, local librarian, the book "History of Farm Bureau in Mississippi." The two ladies are members of the Farm Bureau Women's Committee. Farm Bureau nationwide initiated a program to promote activities to stimulate patriotism among all ages. Local activities included a program for the summer reading club members at the George County Public Library. Club members received booklets on pledging allegiance to the flag.

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Sunday, June 10, 1990/Mississippi Press—7-C

GCHS TOP CITIZENS — George County High School Citizens of the Year have been named for the 1989-90 academic year. They are selected annually by faculty members at GCHS. 1990's top citizens are senior Bridgett Fairley (inset), and (from left) junior Tracy Dean, sophomore Eva Caldwell and freshman Dusty Tanner.

Staff Photo/Nancy Jo Montes

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MOSS POINT HIGH School's 1983 STAR Student is Joseph Benigno. He selected Mrs. Peggy Tanner, sixth grade teacher at West Elementary, as STAR Teacher. He achieved the honor by scoring higest on the ACT exam.

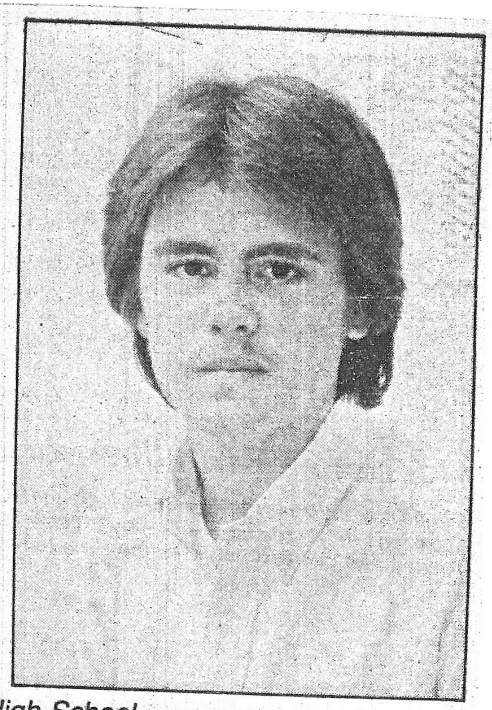
Joe attends Dantzler Memorial First United Church of Moss Point. He was named Boy of the Month for January by the National Honor Society. He has played the trumpet in the MPHS Symphonic Band and was a Governor's School and Boys State delegate last summer.

Joe is in the Edward McGraw Scholarship Program, a nationwide scientific paper competition. His paper was chosen in the top 25 semifinalists status. Joe has been the recipient of numerous science fair awards, including first place in district and placement in state this year. He was named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist this year. He plans to attend Mississippi State University this fall where he will major in electrical engineering.

Mrs. Tanner is a native of Brookhaven, a graduate of Whitworth College in that city and the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. She received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education; taught sixth grade for 27 of 28 years in the Moss Point School System.

An instructor of English and social studies at West, she is an active supporter of science fairs, having served as coordinator of the elementary's fairs for eight years. She also served as city-wide science fair coordinator.

Mrs. Tanner is a resident of Moss Point. Married to Luther W. Tanner, she is the mother of two children — Cindy Tanner of Mobile and Hugh Tanner of Oxford. She taught Joe in the sixth grade, the year he won his first of many firsts to come at the district science fair.



Moss Point High School

Mrs. Peggy Tanner

Joe Benigno

BIG CATS — Maurice Tanner of Moss Point displays two large catfish caught on the Pascagoula River for his grandchildren, Travis and Rachel Gammill of Hurley. One weighed 31 pounds and the other 17 pounds.

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Staff Photo/Bill Starling

MIGHTY BIG TURNIP — Nine-year-old Tommy Tanner of Escatawpa holds this six-pound turnip that he and his grandfather, Demsey Tanner, grew.

12-92

Raymond Tanner shooting victim still unconscious

Raymond E. Tanner, shot in the head 12 days ago at a Kreole bar, was reported "improved" today but still in serious condition.

Tanner, 28, of Kreole, is in Mobile General Hospital with a pistol slug still lodged in his brain.

According to police, the man was wounded Dec. 2 with a .22 pistol belonging to Eugene Stewart, 21, Moss Point.

Stewart, who told police the shooting was an accident, waived a preliminary hearing on a charge of assault with intent to kill. He was released from jail under $5000 bond.

Moss Point patrolman Anthony Watts, a relative of the wounded man, said physicians reported Tanner "somewhat improved," but still in serious condition.

Watts said Tanner is able to move around his hospital room but is not conscious of what is going on about him.

The shooting occurred in the [illegible] room of the Mobile Lounge [illegible]

12-13-60

Tanner seeks coroner's office in George county

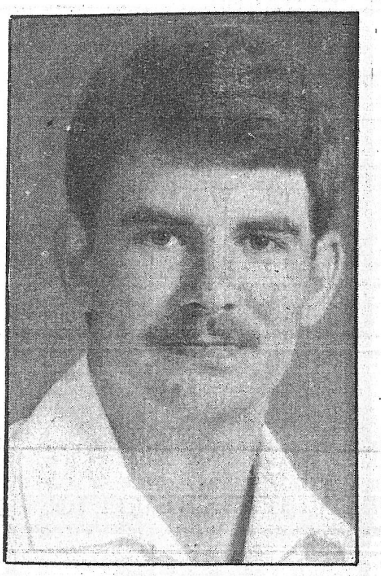
LUCEDALE — Rickey Tanner, 30, has announced his candidacy for coroner in George County in the Sept. 17 Democratic primary.

Tanner is a 1979 graduate of George County High School and a 1984 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi where he received a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

He worked four years in an intensive care unit and was charge nurse for two years in an artificial kidney unit. He is presently employed with a home health agency and is pastor of Midway Baptist Church in Howell community.

Tanner is married to the former Evelyn Maples of Rocky Creek and they have two sons. He is son of Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Tanner and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kyle and the late Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tanner, all of Howell community.

The office of coroner is paid on a case basis.



Rickey Tanner

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Son of
John Dawson Tanner & Lilla Mae Kyle
brother of
1 John
2 Lucy Ellen
3 MARIE
4 Judy

Sunday, December 18, 1988/Mississippi Press—3-D

Association welcomes minister

PICAYUNE — Carlos Smith was ordained as a minister under the auspices of his home church, Mount Calvary in Picayune, on Nov. 12.

The Rev. Fulton Lindsay, pastor of that church, was in charge of the ceremony. Rev. Smith was questioned by a group of ministers and deacons, the Presbytery, after he and his wife, Micki, were introduced.

A group of members from Movella Missionary Baptist Church along with two deacons, were in attendance.

Following the regular service Sunday morning, Rev. Smith conducted a dedication ceremony for the infants and toddlers in the church. There were seven children to be dedicated by their parents, and this was the first time Rev. Smith had performed this ceremony.

Children dedicated were Rachel Katlin Brewer, daughter of Billy and Carla Tanner Brewer; Vincent Clay Cochran, son of Bill and Robin Tanner Cochran; Byron Trent Cooley, son of John and Molly Tanner Cooley; Dailee Rejoice Eubanks, daughter of Bruce and Dawn Tanner Eubanks; Dustin Edward Goff, son of Steve and Edwina Jones Goff; Joshua Tyler Smith, son of Carlos and Micki Malley Smith; and Clayton Tyler Tanner, son of Craig and Shirley Butler Tanner.

Sunday evening following the regular service, Rev. Smith performed the ordinance of baptistism with David Henn being baptised into the church family.

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To: Doug Tanner
From: Mississippi Jack
Re: Scroll of Merit

Recognizing that a portion of Jackson County's greatest resource — its youth — was being needlessly lost, Doug Tanner has devoted many years of his life to working with troubled youngsters and helping them to find constructive paths for their lives.

Doug Tanner

Tanner was instrumental in recognizing the need for launching a Youth Court in Jackson County. Since then, he has led youth groups to Parchman prison to help get them back on the right track.

"There's nothing wrong with most of these kids, they just need a little attention," Tanner said.

For his invaluable assistance in conserving Jackson County's most valuable resource, Mississippi Jack salutes Doug Tanner with this week's Scroll of Merit.

Mississippi Jack

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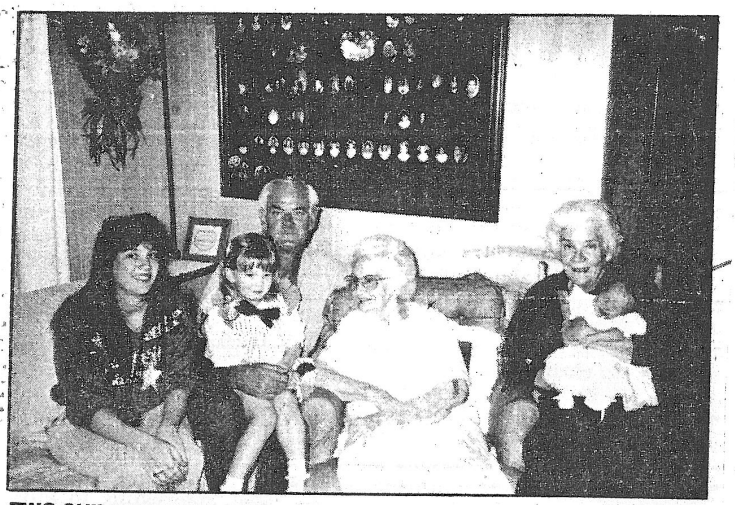

TWO CHILDREN MAKES FIVE — This group of five generations recently gathered in the Moss Point home of Sadie Tanner for this precious photograph. They are (left to right) Leatrice D. Robison, mother, of Moss Point; Lara Kaye Ann Robison, daughter, Moss Point; Frank David Yates, grandfather, Hurley; Sadie Tanner, great-great grandmother, Moss Point; Susie Goodwin, great-grandmother, Moss Point; and Jessica Rae Robison, daughter, Moss Point.

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Granny's sister
Rhanna Pearl Tanner
b. Feb. 11, 1890 (Twin to Dual)
d. Dec. 12(?), 1971

Radney
Funeral Home, Inc.
M. H. Radney — J. Tom Brown

BRYANT

Mrs. Pearlie Tanner Bryant — Funeral services were held from Crawford United Methodist Church Sunday, December 19, 1971, at 2:30 p.m. with Rev. Walter Edwins, Rev. Guthrie Curtis and Rev. Clyde Williams officiating. Honorary pallbearers were Donald Smith, Lloyd Bryant, J. Lloyd Bryant and Jack Bryant. Active pallbearers were Al Cheney, Grady Bryant, Steve Hare, Randy Bryant, Glen Bryant and David Hagen. Interment was in Crawford Cemetery. Funeral arrangements by Radney Funeral Home, Inc. 3155 Dauphin Street Extension, west Sage Avenue.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Church School	9:45 a.m
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m
M.Y.F.	5:30 p.m
Children's Hour	6:00 p.m
Evening Worship	7:00 p.m

WEDNESDAY

Choir Practice	8:30 p.m.
Fellowship Supper - 1st Wed.	6:45 p.m.

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Funeral services for Mrs. Pearlie Tanner Bryant will be held here at 2:30 this after noon with interment in the Crawford Method Cemetery following. Mrs. Bryant had been a member of this Church for 34 years. The Pastor will officiate.

All children 8, 9, and 10 years of age are asked to meet at the Church, Tuesday evenir at 5:15 to go caroling at the Cogburn Nursi Home.

The M.Y.F. represents your Church in actior and the M.Y.F. thanks you for backing them with the Flounder Dinner - THANKS! Also THANKS to Mrs. P. F. Martin, Miss Kay Marti Mrs. Carolyn Tate, Mrs. A. A. Tate, Jr., Mrs. Edwins, Mrs. Powell and Mrs. M. F. Howell for helping and providing us with refreshments for Sub-District.

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For Intercessory Prayer call: 649-1121

12/19/1971

Pauline & Bessie

Posey Griffin
Pauline's son.
Granny's nephew.

Posey Griffin

George & Pat
at
Annapolis Naval
Academy
for
Religious Wedding
Ceremony
April 6, 1972

MARY DORTHEA (POLLY) BAKER TANNER - WIFE OF JOHN WILLIS TANNER.
b. 1795 - Georgia d. April 17, 1873 (Granville Grove Cannamore) H

ANDREW JACKSON & MARY ANN TANNER WITH SOME OF THEIR CHILDREN.

ANDREW JACKSON AND MARY ANN (DAVIS) TANNER GAVE THIS LAND FOR THE TANNER CHAPEL AND CEMENTERY IN 1890's

MARY ANN (DAVIS) TANNER

(my great grandmother)

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Lillion Griffin, Aunt
Pauline's daughter. Granny's
niece.

Pauline Tanner (Granny's sister) b. 11/28/1878. She

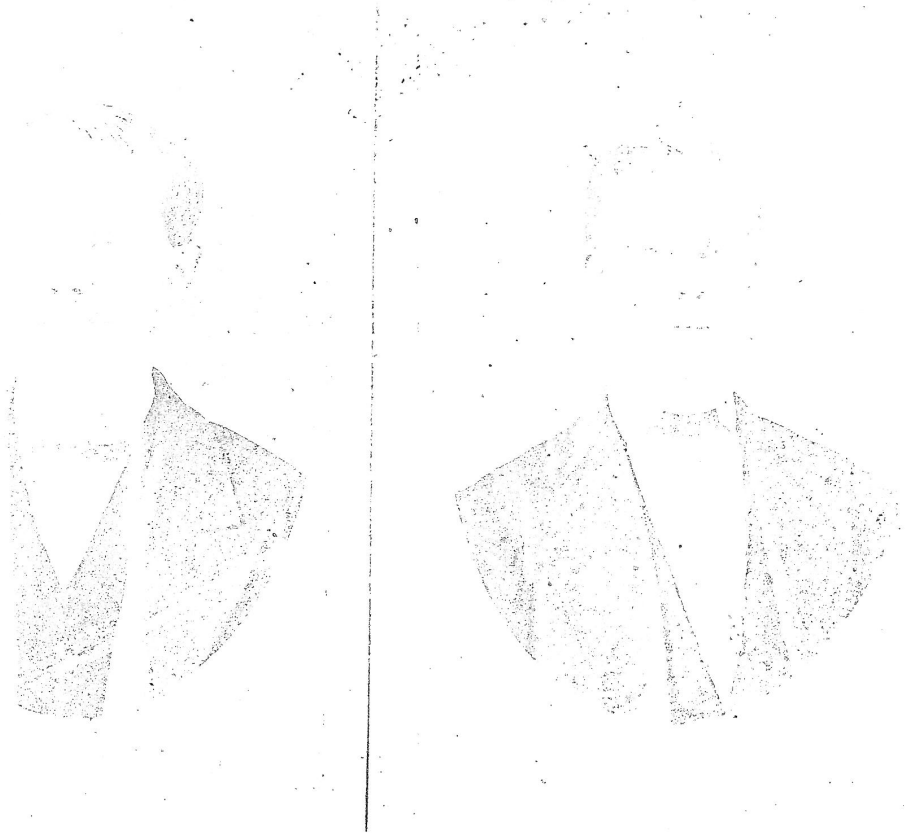
Family picture of Andrew J. Tanner and Mary Ann Davis Tanner

Granny's Parents

Mary Ann Davis-Tanner and Andrew J. Tanner were married on February 4, 1869. She died February 11, 1931. Andrew J. Tanner was born August 21, 1848 and died May 11, 1916.

I don't know for sure which young girl in "Granny", but the little girl in front in "Aunt Nonie - Ina Anona.

I think "Granny" is 3rd from R back row!



JOHN WILLIS TANNER JR.
SON OF JOHN MADISON -- BROTHER
OF ANDREW (F. ECKHOFF sent these pictures to me!)

I BELIEVE
THIS TO BE
ANDREW TANNER BUT
NOT SURE (FECKHOFF)
If this is Andrew
Tanner --- He is
"Granny's father!
So, our great-
grandfather
+

PSD

b. Aug. 21, 1848
d. May 11, 1916

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Gracy Anna
GRACE A. WALKER TANNER - WIFE OF JOHN MADISON TANNER.
b. 1824 in Alabama (GRANNY'S GRANDMother) Died: Aug. 18, 1900
JAN. 17

Goodbye to Tanner's historic general store

by Yvonne Williams

Bulldozers were on the way this week to demolish the original 1926 building of the Tanner Mercantile Company on Old Shell Road at West Drive.

Joel Tanner has tried to save the now vacant general store founded by his father, but says his offers to lease the building were snubbed by officials at the University of South Alabama.

"I feel a little betrayed," said Tanner on Friday; "I was told they needed it for storage. Then I heard they were trying to get rid of the storage use so they could demolish it."

Tanner, who with his wife, Catherine, operates an updated version of his father's dry goods store just a mile east on Old Shell, believes the older wood and brick structure is one of the area's few 1920s general stores still standing. Irby "Bud" Tanner first sold feed and seed in one side of his building and lived in the other, graduated to general merchandise, then expanded his business to four chain stores he called Tanner's Rock Bottom Cash Stores.

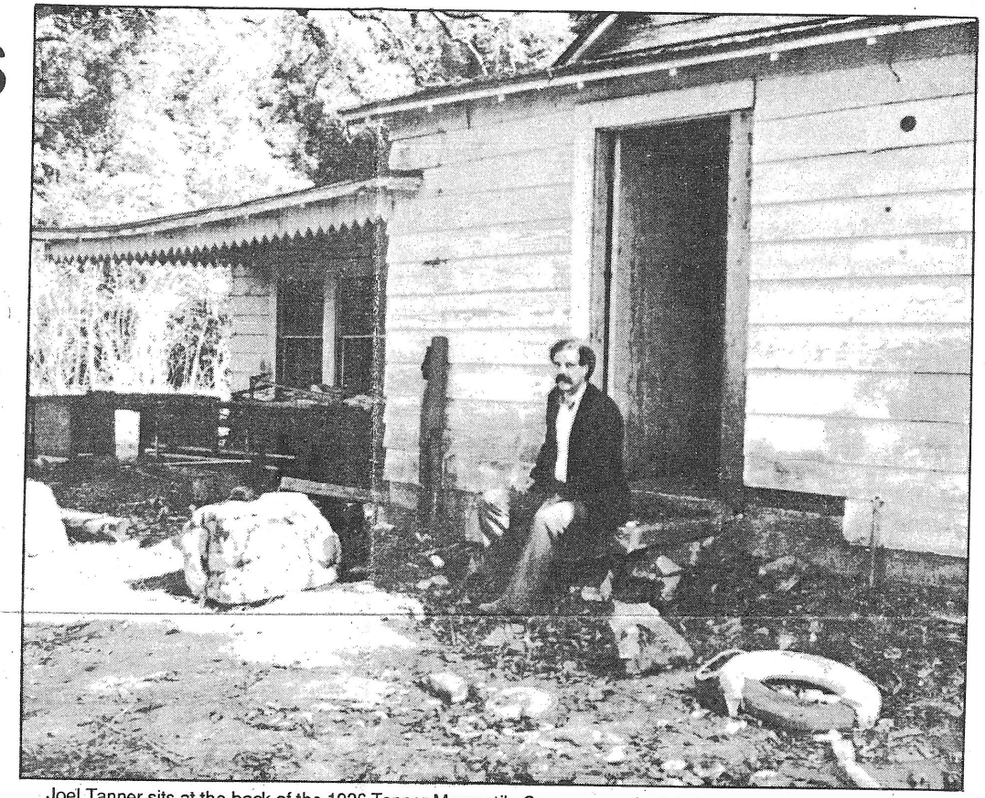
His son's store — a nostalgia market and tourist's trove — now displays both the cash register and measuring scales from the first store. And Joel Tanner still sells fresh-ground coffees under his father's labels, "Bud's Eye Opener" and "Tanner's Sunrise."

The younger Tanner said he learned last week that the USA Building and Grounds Department had directed the original store to be razed, in conjuction with clearing the property southwest of the campus. He objects that the building, aside from historic value, is structurally sound and functional, needing only minor repairs and clean up.

But Tanner said the university's deed to the property, and the lack of historic designation for the building, have convinced him resistance is useless. "I guess my old fighting spirit is gone," he said.

William Pipas, executive director of operations and university facilities at USA, confirmed Monday that the building will be destroyed, describing it as a fire hazard and a magnet to vagrants.

He said the structure had been used to store theater props, but that vagrants had defied attempts to secure the building. "We worked on a feasibility study to save it, but the building is just beyond any state of repair," said Pipas. "If there were any way that we could use it, we would, because we have moved so many other [historic] buildings. But there is no way we could use this one."



Joel Tanner sits at the back of the 1926 Tanner Mercantile Company , scheduled to be demolished by USA

HONORED BY YOUTH COURT — Among the volunteers honored at the annual awards banquet of the Jackson County Youth Court were these local citizens. In the photo at left are volunteers (from left) Miguel Saavedra, Doug Tanner, Donnie Waller, Jean Gaston representing Southside Baptist Church, and Helen P. Fairley. In the photo at right are volunteers (from left) Sue Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bounds, Margurette Fields, and Constance Walker.

Youth Court honors top volunteers at awards banquet

Doug Tanner was named Outstanding Volunteer of the Year for the Jackson County Youth Court at the court's annual awards banquet.

The event was held Oct. 28 at the Moss Point Riverfront Community Center.

Tanner was honored for his work with the court since 1974. "He has served long and well," Youth Court Judge Emily Baker said in presenting Tanner his plaque.

"He remains a staunch believer in what the volunteer program stands for, and agrees with our philosophy of volunteerism — We Care, We Share," she added.

Frank Hembree and Shirley Giafaglioni were presented special recognition awards for what Judge Baker called "their special and unique service to the court."

Other honorees and their categories of nomination were:

- Danny Murphy, court services.
- Curtis Coleman, volunteer-in-probation.
- Chevron U.S.A. Inc., court volunteer organization.
- Calling All Christians Church, shelter volunteer organization.
- Donnie Waller, individual volunteer in detention.
- Bethel Assembly of God Church, volunteer organization in detention.
- Mitchell Ducote, court educational volunteer.
- Samantha Farrier, shelter educational volunteer.
- Sarah Hawkins, individual volunteer in the shelter.
- Helen Crosby, shelter home.
- Peggy Egan, CHINS (Children In Need of Supervision).
- Meedie Lieb, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate).

Entertainment at the banquet was provided by the Clare Hans School of Dance of Moss Point, featuring Laura Hendry, Teffany Gilner, Ann Marie Niles, Sideal Hill, Trina Hill, Grace Hill and Margaret Hill.

Kerry Dykes and Cheree Nelson of the Magnolia Springs Assembly of God Church also presented vocal selections.

Dorothy Dubose, chair of the court's Citizens Advisory Committee, welcomed visitors and volunteers, and introduced the evening's emcee, Philip Weinberg, Youth Court prosecutor.

The Rev. Elijah Henry Sr., pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Moss Point, offered the invocation. Benediction was given by the Rev. Jim Moore, pastor of the Worship Center of Escatawpa.

Conrad Clark, an employee of Chevron U.S.A. Inc., introduced the evening's guest speaker, Lt. Pete Collins of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol.

A master of the art of humor as a means of conveying serious messages, Lt. Collins focused his speech on the right of every child to be loved by his or her family, and by everyone else who touches that young life.

"Not only should that child be loved," Lt. Collins said, "but we must also let the child know that we love him or her, and accept them unconditionally."

Judge Baker offered her own remarks of appreciation to all the volunteers who work with the Youth Court. Court Administrator Margarett Steele thanked volunteers for sharing their lives with the children of the court.

Helping present awards were Catherine Avant, coordinator of volunteer services; Sandra May, shelter social worker; Meedie Lieb, CASA coordinator, and Teresa Hartman, CHINS coordinator.

The award winners' selections were based on the quality of time each spent with and on behalf of the minors coming through the court system, their commitment to their assignments.

"They are also honored for the caring that the children receive from them," Judge Baker said, "the caring that each child receives a chance at a better life. No greater gift can one share with a child than to be there for them, and to love them, even when they are flawed."

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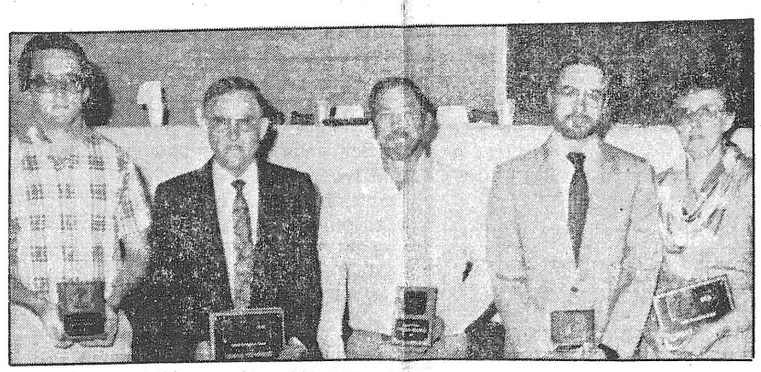

VOLUNTEERS HONORED — Among volunteers receiving awards for their work with the Youth Court are (from left) Danny Murphy, Frank Hembry, Curtis Coleman, Donnie Waller and Shirley Giafaglioni.

Youth Court Photos/Cliff Stagg

TOP GROUP — Volunteers with Calling All Christians Church accepting the Youth Court group award are (from left) Joyce Nelson, Mary Jones, Margueriette Fields, Sam Jones and Jerry Coleman.

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Outstanding county citizen to be revealed Oct. 15

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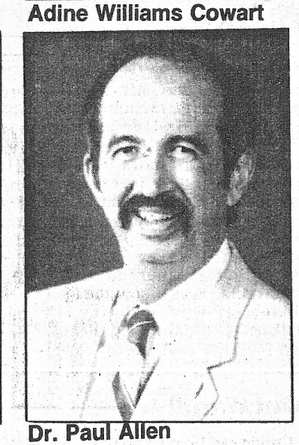
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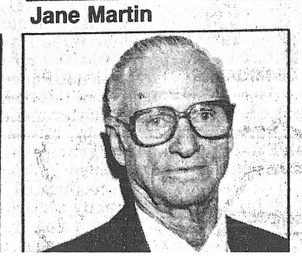

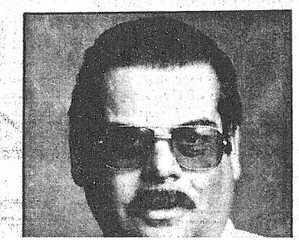

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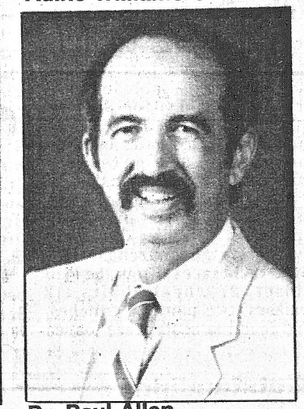
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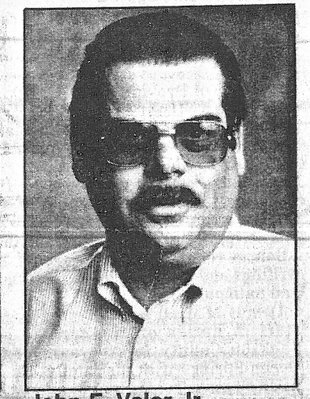
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History of Carver school on display at library

Scores of photographs and memorabilia covering more than 40 years of history of the Pascagoula Negro/Carver High School are on display in the Pascagoula Public Library through October.

James A. Torrey, president of

The new school building was completed in 1952 and the name of the school was changed to Carver High School in 1953.

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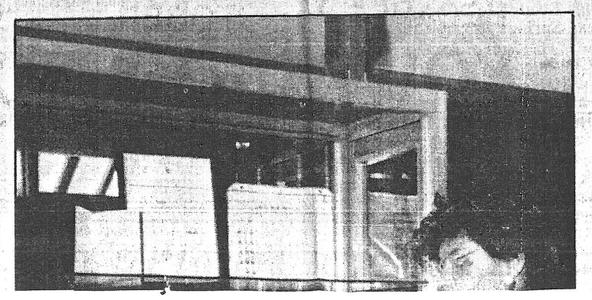

Symposium to highlight women's history in state

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Titled "Exploring the Archives for Women's History," the session will highlight women's history in Mississippi from the French colonial period

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Susan Tanner: Big Point resident pens book sure to please romance readers

By SUSAN MAY STACHOWSKI
Mississippi Press Staff

BIG POINT — From work to riding horses, Susan Tanner juggles everything she must do with what she enjoys most: writing romance novels.

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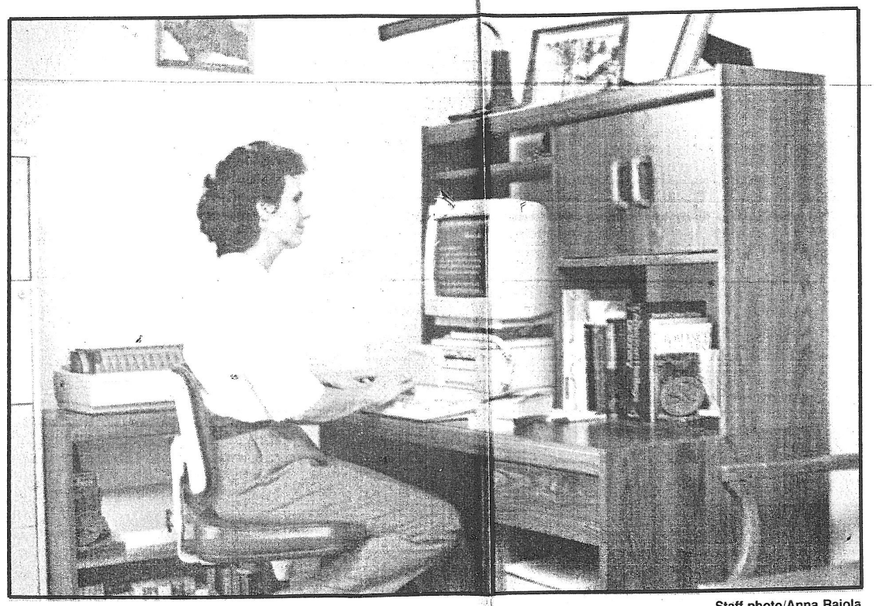

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Following her divorce several years ago, she enrolled in night classes at Jackson County Community College to compete for better paying jobs. With two children that kept her busy, she was only able to complete her basic courses before she was forced to quit.

As a young girl her only interest in writing was through rip-off ads in magazines that said, "We can make you a writer, just send us $100." Her father knew it was a scheme, so he never let her proceed with the idea.

She forgot about writing until after her son was born. Her mother died one month before the birth, an event that rocked her.

"I guess I was really looking for something to achieve and put myself into," Mrs. Tanner said. "My sister encouraged me to write."

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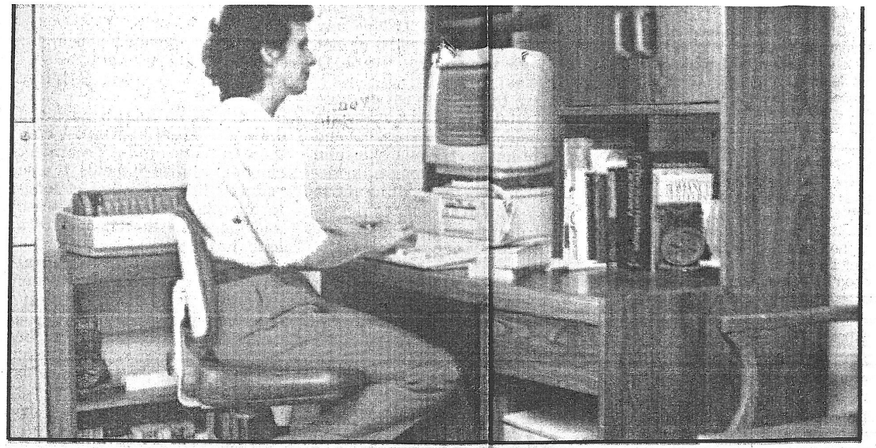

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Mrs. Tanner's heart was never into being published until now, but she's not sure why.

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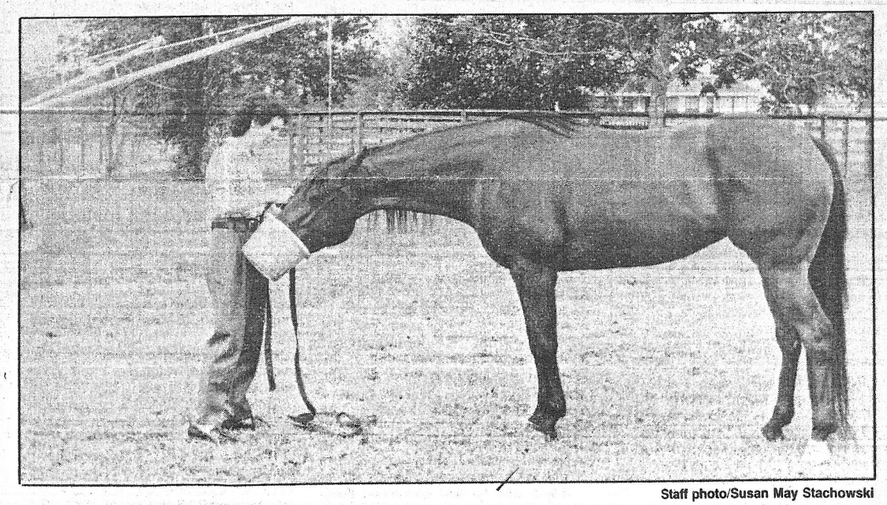

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FEEDING TIME — Susan Tanner feeds her horse, Rosie, before her evening ride. Mrs. Tanner is a competitive barrel racer on the weekends.

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Lucedale

Equine surgical center to make history in area

By CAROLYN HAINES
Special to the Press Plus

LUCEDALE — This community was once known for sawmills and timber production, but those days are long gone. Now the small county seat of George County in the southeast portion of the state has little claim to fame.

But that is changing.

This month the Lucedale Veterinary Clinic, Hospital and Surgery, opened new doors to an 8,000-square-foot facility on Mississippi 613 that will make history in the southern portion of the state.

Veterinarians Dr. Karl Smith, known as 'Doc,' and partner Dr. Marty Tanner opened an equine surgical center that will mean fast medical treatment unheard of in the area outside of the major medical schools such as Auburn or LSU.

For horse owners, the time saved in driving can mean the difference between life and death for their animals.

"We aren't trying to cut in on other veterinarians' business," explained Tanner, a young, enthusiastic vet who has studied with the finest in the field of arthroscopy.

Tanner views the new facility as an aid to other vets. He and Smith will be able to provide surgical techniques while the horse recuperates and heals under the care of the admitting vet.

Tanner, in fact, is the dreamer behind the facilities. While Smith has been more interested in breeding problems, Tanner has pushed for the surgical facilities — which are very expensive.

DR. MARTY TANNER displays his orthoscopic instruments.

procedures.

Tanner is a graduate of Mississippi State and interned in Elton, Texas, under Dr. Bob Lewis, a leader in equine arthroscopy.

"Athroscopic surgery allows the vet to go into the joint with a scope and remove bone chips," Tanner said. This technique allows the horse to return to training much sooner.

Some of the best news for area horse owners is that the two vets are working toward purchasing the necessary equipment for colic surgery.

Colic is the number one killer of horses and time is a deadly factor working against the horse. Now, Bay area horses must be trailered to Auburn or LSU, a four-hour trip.

The Lucedale clinic is ideally located to serve the five county area Smith took on 12 years ago when he came to Lucedale as the first resident veterinarian.

He and Tanner still cover a broad range of territory, from Poplarville to the Mobile Bay, as they answer the emergency calls

cage rooms and an isolation room for animals with contagious infections.

When Smith first opened his practice, he renovated a small house on Highway 98 two miles east of town. In his single-man practice, he worked long hours healing all types of livestock and small animals.

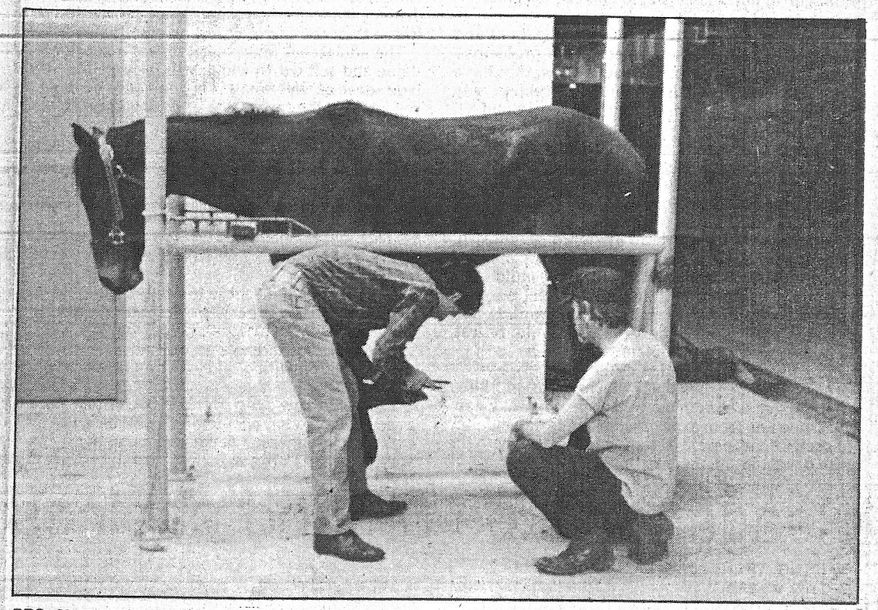
Tanner has been with him for the past four years, and both vets say they are looking at expanding their staff still further.

The new facility allows more workspace, and Smith is frequently on the road working with embryo transfers, ultra-sound pregnancy detection, synchronization and consultation in breeding programs.

Tanner says the first day the facility opened, there was a waiting list for equine surgical procedures.

In the clinic, a radio plays soft country rock through the examining room. In the far stall on the left, a tiny Appaloosa foal charges and wheels on surgically repaired knees — corrective work compliments of Smith and Tanner.

A barrel horse waits patiently to have scar tissue on a back hock removed, and a



DRS. MARTY TANNER and Karl Smith prepare a patient for surgery.

Thoroughbred gelding has his shoes pulled in preparation for navicular cyst work.

As the Mississippi-Alabama area begins establishing a serious horse industry, the new Lucedale clinic will play a vital role in providing health care that has never been offered before.

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around the fact that horses struggle mightily against anesthesia.

"Putting a horse under and getting it back up again require as much skill as the surgery itself," Tanner remarked.

The new vet clinic is equipped. There is a padded room — really padded — where the horse is gently held in check until the anesthesia takes effect. Then the animal is lowered onto a hydraulic table which is rolled into surgery.

Once the operation is complete, the horse is taken back into the padded room to recover in a safe environment.

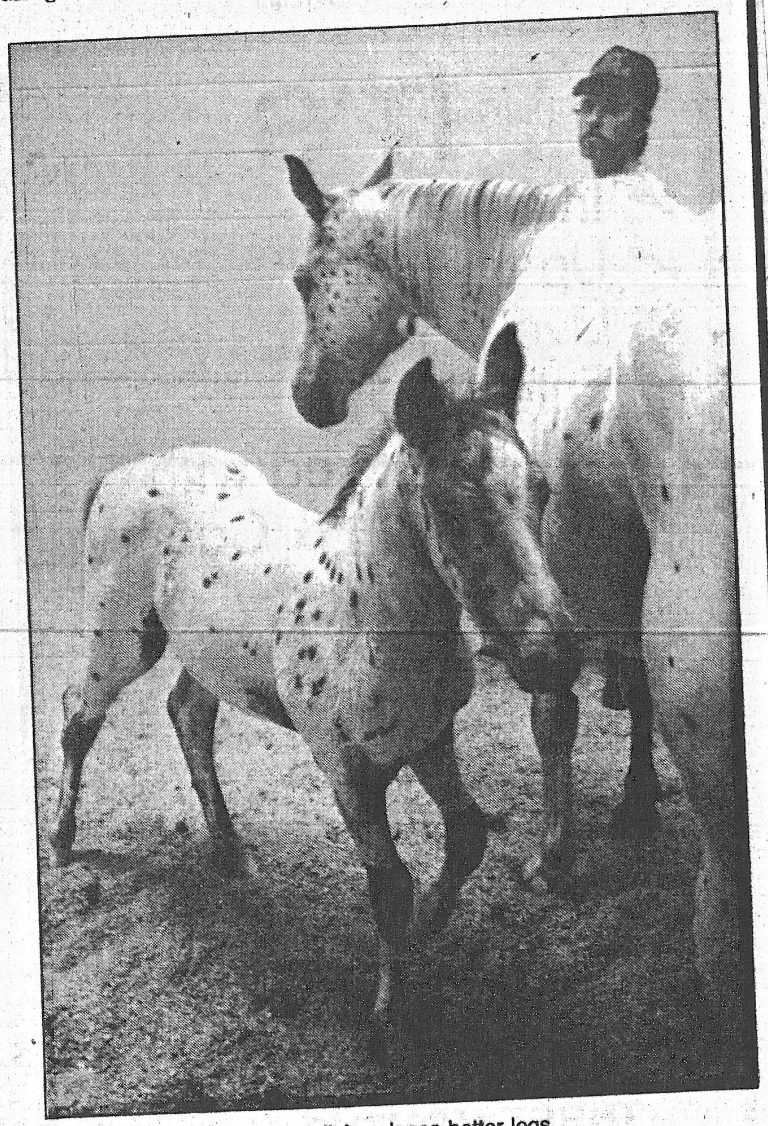
Arthroscopy is the specialty that Tanner and Smith perform, along with a list of other surgical

which includes four climate control stalls for recuperating horses, Tanner and Smith say they hope to provide additional services to local veterinarians who have been sending horses to Auburn or LSU because they lack facilities for surgery.

"We aren't set up for extended care," Tanner said. "We'll perform the surgery, and after a new days the horse will return for care under the local veterinarian."

In the expansion of veterinary services for horses, Smith and Tanner have not forgotten their smaller patients.

There is a new small animal surgery, pharmacy, kennel with indoor runs, examining rooms,



KNEE SURGERY gives a small Appaloosa better legs.

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